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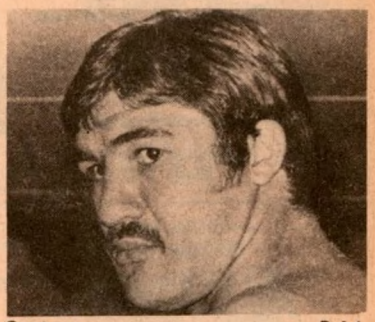

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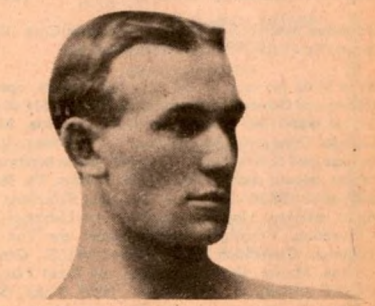

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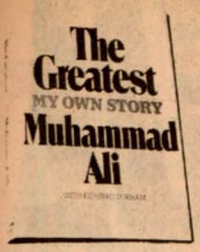

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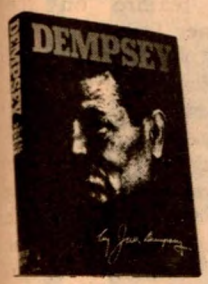

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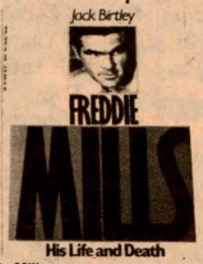

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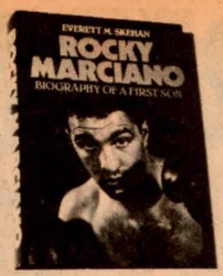

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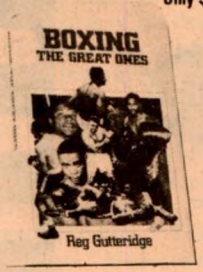

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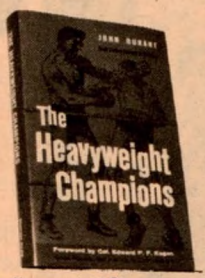

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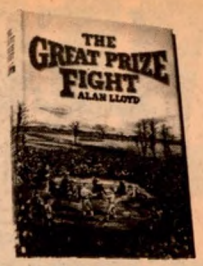

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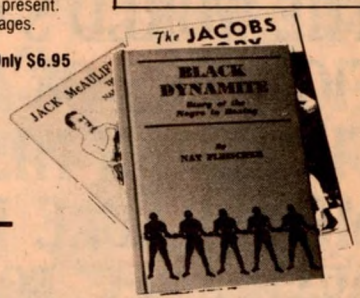

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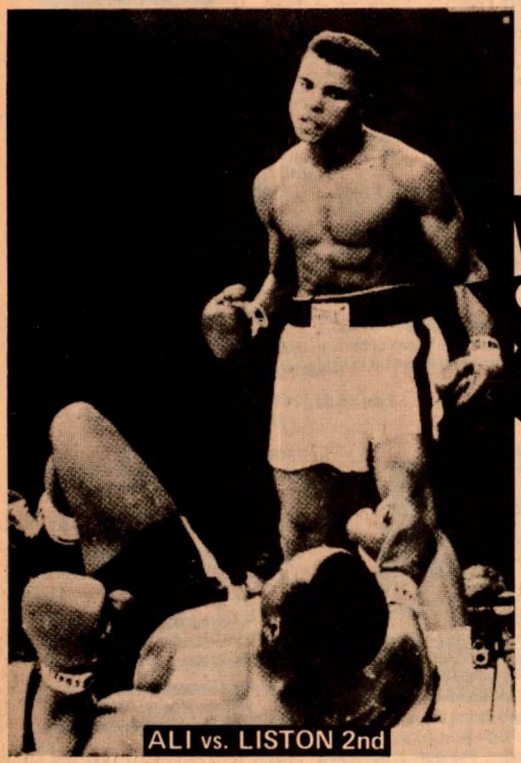

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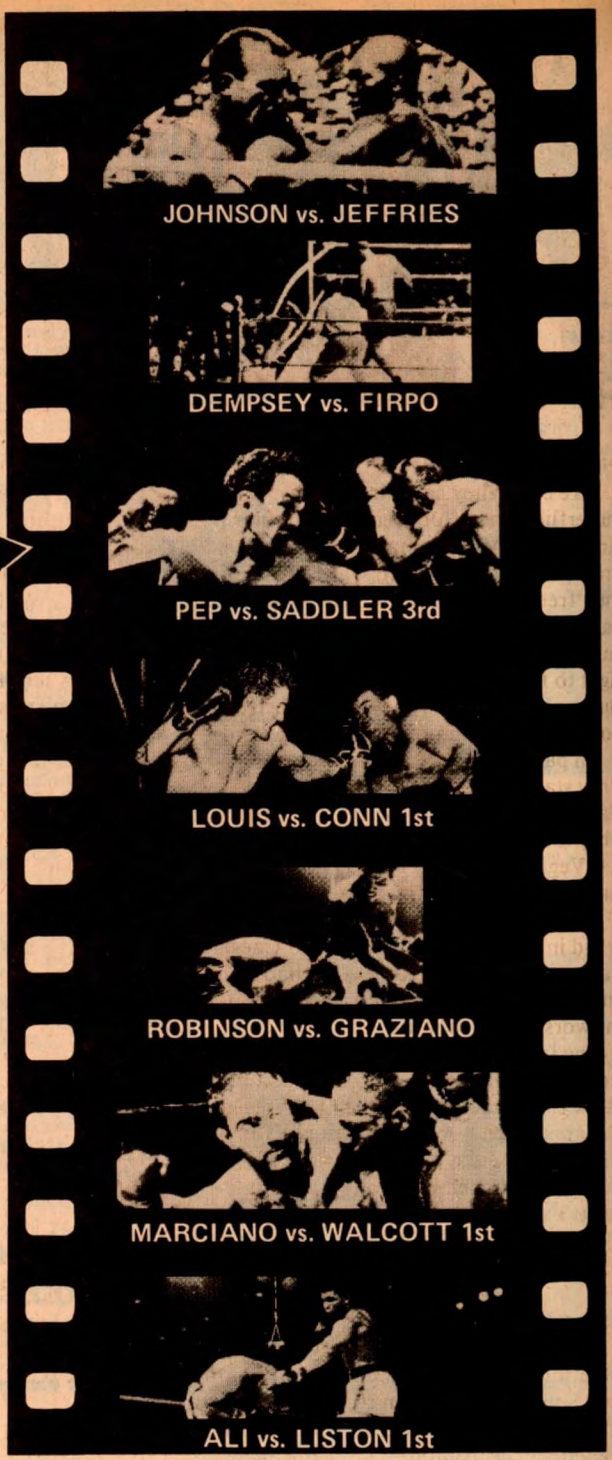

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ROUND ONE

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Like bees, they came in swarms. Like butterflies, they fluttered around their pollen-flower, 'Muhammad' Ali. They ate and drank everything in their wake. They put the "free" in freeloading. They were Muhammad Ali's traveling squad, his colorful entourage which varied in number from fight to fight. When Ali fought pacifist Joe Bugner in Malaysia, they came 50 strong. Some had staying power and others didn't.

Ali paid their way around the world. They stayed in the best of hotels, flew first class and were generally treated like kings. They'll never forget "The Entourage" in Las Vegas, where they terrorized hotel-casinos when the champ had a fight there.

Asked the worst thing The Entourage ever did in Vegas, matchmaker and Caesars Palace pit boss Mel (Red) Greb had a short answer: "Show up," Greb said. "That's the worst thing they did."

One fringe member of The Entourage won't be there for further class reunions—Stack Edwards. Built like a fire hydrant, he had appointed himself bodyguard for the champ before the first Ali-Frazier fight. But Stacks cashed in his chips a few months back. He was apparently involved in a multi-million dollar JFK Airport holdup and was killed shortly thereafter.

MSG: A HOUSE DIVIDED

One has to wonder how long the present situation in the boxing department at Madison Square Garden can continue. It's no secret that matchmaker Gil Clancy and his sometime co-promoter Don King are at each other's throats. The latest blowup came after King and the Garden co-promoted the Alexis Arguello "Bazooka" Limon WBC junior lightweight title bout in the Felt Forum.

"Where was Clancy?" King said after the championship bout—which was on TV in New York—drew less than 2,000 at the Felt Forum. "He was down in Puerto Rico, working for CBS. He should be here."

King also accused Clancy of attempting to sabotage the show. "I had to go to (Garden boss) Sonny Werblin," King whined. "I've got so many knives in my back I look like a porcupine."

Those comments were enough to get Clancy's Irish up. "I was on my vacation, covering the Pan-Am Games," Clancy said. "I think King is trying to cover up his own sins. We lost $50,000 on the show after he assured the people upstairs (translate to read "Werblin") that the TV money would cover everything. And King was responsible for the Saoul Mamby-Marion Thomas semifinal fiasco," referring to a less-than-satisfying two round semi-final that ended with Thomas looking on the floor for his teeth.

Clancy charged that King withheld the main bout contracts until the day of the fight, in violation of his deal with the Garden. "This was a short notice job," Clancy said. "And King pulled his usual flim-flam act."

Adding fuel to the fire—from 3,000 miles away—is Bruce (Southland) Trampler, the former Garden Assistant matchmaker who now works in Phoenix. "King is a successful failure," Trampler told a Phoenix writer. "He loses money for everybody and makes a lot for himself."

But—and the sound you hear next will be King's rivals gagging—the young matchmaker said King is good for boxing. "Actually, I say more power to him," Trampler said. "He's put boxing back on television; he's elevated the purses; and he's increased the interest. If anything, he's helped the game."

GLOVE STORY, ROUND 2

Some reporters never let the facts get in the way of a good story. Why let the truth interfere with a juicy item?

That seems to be the case in Boston where both a newspaper and a TV station reported that Ryan O'Neal was used as a punching-bag in a Cambridge tavern recently. Yes, the same Ryan O'Neal who is currently sparring with Barbara Streisand in the light and breezy film "Main Event."

Bobby Powers, a fight and movie fan who hangs out at the Forest Cafe near Harvard Square, said the stories were so much baloney, "This is a workingman's bar, a shot-and-a-beer joint," Powers said. "Believe me, a star like Ryan O'Neal wouldn't go in there. There are a lot of Saturday night bouts, but he wasn't duked out at the place. And, if he did show up, no one would know him. The Forest crowd never caught his act in 'Love Story'." For those keeping records, please take that "KO" off O'Neal's record. It might embarrass O'Neal's sidekick and his "trainer", ex-light heavyweight champ Jose Torres.

A GAL'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

Climbing into the ring is light work for 24-year-old Toni "Leatherneck" Tucker. Riding the rails is rougher—and tougher.

The female boxer from Brooklyn is a volunteer vigilante, a member of the Magnificent 13, which patrols the New York subway system. Wearing red berets and white T-shirts, the self-appointed crime stoppers go underground, armed only with their arts and skills.

Tucker, an ex-Marine from the Bushwick ghetto, sees her subway patrol as a civic duty. It's not just a token effort, she said. "There are not enough patrolmen. We've broken up gang fights and scared some muggers off some lines," says Tucker. "I usually ride the D or A trains once or twice a week. I got so upset about subway crime I wanted to help. I was mugged once myself but that was on the street. Some girls jumped me. But when they saw I knew kung fu, they ran away."

What happens if a mugger whips out a gun or a knife?

"I'd try and talk my way out of it," Tucker said. "But we patrol in groups of eight or nine."

But despite her group's heroics, when Tucker made history by participating in New York's first women's bout last July 16, she had to fight alone. And although she gave a good account of herself, she dropped a six-round decision to Gladys "Bam" Smith, a George Foreman look-a-like from Newark.

Tucker, who is 5'9" and weighs 155 pounds, blamed her defeat on the energy shortage. "I just ran out of gas," a winded Tucker said, even though she found the ring safer than the subway—they don't have referees underground.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

To say Howard Cosell is outspoken is like saying death is nature's way of telling you to slow down. The man who claims he "Tells it like it is" was the first announcer to ignore time-honored tradition and identify boxers by the color of their skin rather than the color of their trunks. And Cosell is not afraid to impart his own personal opinion, as he did in the recent Corro-Antuofermo fight when ABC returned after a station break and he intoned — with all the gravity of a judge sentencing a jaywalker to life — "We're back live in Monte Carlo; which is more than we can say for the fight." However, Howard, as often as not, errs on the other side of "Telling it like it is." One of those times was the Hagler-Cabrera semi-final on the abovementioned Corro-Antuofermo fight, taped by ABC for possible inclusion if the middleweight championship went less than its scheduled rounds. While the audience was filling the air with "Oooh-la-la's" and "All ons-y" (Translate to read "Go get him") every time Hagler filled the air with punches, Cosell was providing the voice-over for the fight to-be-televised. When Marvelous Marvin opened up in the eighth and forced Cabrera's corner to euthusiastically throw in the towel, Cosell missed it completely and shouted into the mike that the referee was "incompetent" and alluded to the strong possibility of collusion between the ref and Arum to build up Hagler for a title bout. Then, after being apprised by his truck that Cabrera's corner had caused the bout to be stopped, Cosell covered his tracks by calling the network back in New York to tell them not to run Hagler's classic version of a demolition derby because it was "Bull-expletive deleted";— and then went around ringside to inform the unbelieving press of his momentous decision.

"HE WHO STEALS MY PURSE" DEPT.

Heavyweight Scott LeDoux is crying the blues again. This time it seems that LeDoux feels that Don King underpaid him for his losing effort against Ron Lyle in Las Vegas last May. Scott said that his take-home pay might be as low as $10,000. "This isn't a pay day," he admitted disdainfully. "I told King I wouldn't give this money to charity because it's not enough for any charity to want it". (Except possibly the Scott LeDoux Retirement Fund.) And then? "Our time is coming," says LeDoux, who supplements his boxing income by driving a truck.

THE ROCKY HORROR BOXING SHOW

Don King started a new trend, if you can call it that. First there were King's Queens, a disco group that performed between fights at Madison Square Garden (leading

one disgruntled boxing fan to murmur, "What the hell's this? I don't go to discos to watch boxing matches!") And now there's something called "Rocky Graziano's Search for a Champion Boxing & Disco Show". But the press conference to announce the hyphenated event got off to less-than-a-pulsating start when the chimpanzee who was supposed to spar with Rocky failed to show. Guess he was out on the floor "monkeying around."

JUST SPELL IT "CHAMP"

WBC light heavyweight king Matthew Franklin of Philadelphia has petitioned Common Pleas Court Judge Eugene Gelfand to have his name legally changed to Matthew Saad Muhammad. Muhammad-Franklin stated that the name Franklin was given him by some nuns at a Catholic orphanage and that, as a member of the Al Islam section of the West, he wished instead to reflect the name which meant "Good great future". and "Wealth and praise."

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

HORACIO ALFREDO CABRAL, one week after his 23rd birthday, was killed in a car crash in Argentina. Ranked number six by the WBA in the junior middleweight division, Cabral was next in line to box Masashi Kudo for his WBA junior title later in the year. Born in LaPampa Argentina, he held wins over Bonifacio Avila, Carlos Peralta and David Love. His career record 30-2-3, scoring 16 knockouts, being halted once himself.

CHARLES H. "CHICK" MAGLIONE, 81, died in Akron, Ohio, from a heart attack. Chick's pro career ran from 1914-1925 with a brief comeback in 1931. He boxed as a bantamweight and feather weight and lost only twice in 93 bouts. He was elected to the Summit Count, Ohio, Hall of Fame in 1964.

"TWO TON" TONY GALENTO, 69, famed for his beer belly, powerful right hand, and supreme confidence, died of a heart attack. Tony scored fifty-nine knockouts in a 114-bout career which also saw him drop Joe Louis in the third round of their title bout.

PUNCHLINES

From *The Book of Sports Quotes*

— Jake LaMotta, describing the neighborhood he and Rocky Graziano were brought up in,
"We would never steal anything unless it began with an A — A truck, a car" . . .

— Boxing manager Al Braverman, on his use of a suspected foreign substance.
"It's not a foreign substance. It's made right here in the United States."

—Chuck Wepner, erstwhile heavyweight challenger, "I was 6 ft. 1 in. when I started boxing, but with all the uppercuts I'm up to 6 ft. 5 in."

—Tracy Steele, overweight boxer who lost six of his first nine pro fights, "I have the heart of a racehorse trapped inside the body of a jackass."

—Arthur "Bugs" Baer, on the Dempsey-Firpo fight, "If the Dempsey-Firpo fight had been held on a barge, Firpo would have been champion, because Dempsey would have drowned."

—Boxer Fritzie Zivic, after losing a fight, "I finished second."

—Sportswriter Barney Nagler, after Ray Robinson carried Charlie Fusari, "The greatest carrier since Mother Dionne."

—Johnny Condon to Irving Ungerman, manager of George Chuvalo who had just witnessed his fighter take yet another beating and mused aloud, "I wonder what I'm gonna do with him?" "Irving, if he's got one good punch left in him, he ought to throw it at you if you let him fight again."

—Max Baer, on what it was like to face Joe Louis, "I looked across the ring and realized I wanted to go home early."

— Mike Marley

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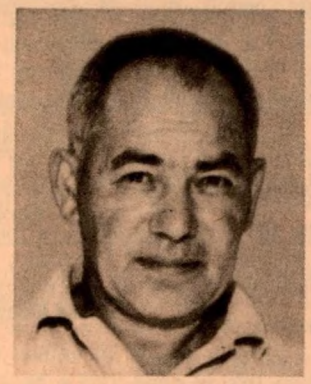

Starting with borrowed money, in just eight years I gained financial security, sold out at a profit and retired.

"Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. I knew I couldn't do it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up. Temporarily I was broke. But, when I found the business I wanted I was able to start it for a small amount of **borrowed** money.

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"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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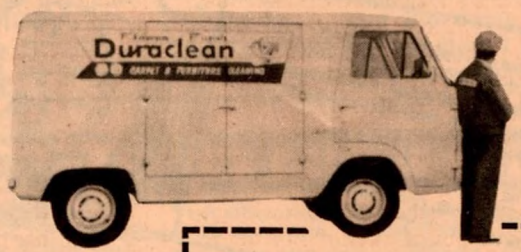

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Dorsy Kuhn

CORRECTION

In the April Issue of Ring, Mr. Francis Heddy wrote that Jack Doyle was British Heavyweight champion. That is not right! Jack Doyle was *never* British Heavyweight champion. He fought against the-then British Heavyweight champion, Jack Petersen, for the title but was disqualified in the second round at White City, London, on the 12th of July, 1933. That's the story.

Unsigned Fan

NO MORE WOMEN

I am an avid reader of *The Ring* and consider the magazine to be the "Bible of boxing". Please . . . no more women in boxing — let's keep 'em in the kitchen where they belong.

Bill Suohon
Tempe, Az.

UNHAPPY FAN

The question for boxing in general is who is a legitimate, uncontested champion. Beyond Vito Antefurmo, all the divisional championships are carved up between the WBA and the WBC. This is a sorry state of affairs for boxing. No power in the sport seems willing to fight the fight that is needed to return respectibility to this great sport. The real question is not whether boxing will survive the loss of Muhammad Ali, but: Whether the sport can survive those few powerful men who are in boxing for all they can get out of it?

Except for the WBA and the WBC, I cannot see that two champions benefits anyone else. One of the biggest disgraces in boxing is the WBA and the WBC — the governing bodies. Beyond serving their own members, what good do these bodies of confusion do?

Jon Bradshaw
Calhoun, Ky.

DURAN BOOSTER

In response to the many comments regarding Robert Duran's chances of winning the welterweight title, I would like to say that if Duran does not win the title, it will only be because he is a lightweight moving up to another decision. However, it's extremely likely that if all fighters were at equal peak fighting weight (their natural peak weight) Duran would whip them all — this includes Ali, ex-champ Monzan and of course, Cuevas, Benitez and Palomino, or any other fighter in any division. Duran is the greatest fighter — pound for pound — in boxing history.

Unsigned

STANTON FAN

Why don't you people write about Larry Stanton? I believe he is one of the great lightweights in the world. After he lost a decision to Claude Noel in Trinidad, Noel became a world rated fighter. Stanton drew with Vilomar Fernandez who is a world rated fighter. Stanton lost a split decision to Howard Davis, who became a world rated fighter. Almost immediately after that fight, Stanton had John Lira on the floor twice. And *he* is a world rated fighter. Please give an aggressive, fan-appealing fighter his due.

Bill Stone
Atlantic Beach, Fla.

VOTE FOR POLISH FIGHTERS

Many great Polish fighters did not use their Polish names, such as Stanley Ketchel, Tony Zale, Babe Risko, Lee Oma, Ben Jeby, Chuck Wepner and Frankie Klick, among others. Mike (Miecnikowski) Schultz, now of Haverstown, Pa., was a great welterweight boxer from 1919 to 1929 — losing only nine of 189 fights as a pro. Johnny (Leski) Buff, of Perth Amboy, N.J. won the U.S. Flyweight title in Feb. 1929. Buff also won the World's bantamweight title, and the late Gus Lesnivich, former light heavyweight champion, was of Russian and Polish descent. A Pole, Adam W. Koris of Penn State U., won the National Collegiate heavyweight title in 1953-1954. Also Roy Matulewicz of Duke University won the 175-pound U.S. Collegiate championships in 1936-37. Apparently, the Poles can't be as dumb as the jokesters might believe.

Unsigned

DISLIKES ARUM'S PLAN

I am concerned with Bob Arum's five-man elimination boxing tourney to crown Ali's successor. I think Mr. Arum's idea stinks because we probably will have to wait about a year before we see a WBA champion. If I was promoting this, the way I would do it is to put the No. 1 and the No. 2 contenders together to fight for the WBA crown, the winner to fight the WBC champion. That way the winner will be the real champion of the world. I think the WBA and the WBC will agree with my idea.

Charles Osonoski
Mashua, N.H.

VOTE FOR THE GALS

I must respectfully disagree with Mr. Sanchez' letter in the March issue of Ring. I believe that a woman should be able to participate in any sport — including boxing — in which she has the ability and desire to compete. (I don't feel, however, that there should be mixed matches.

Michael Pell
Los Angeles, Ca.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Did Gene Fullmer beat Sugar Ray Robinson for the middleweight title? Also, how many times did they meet?
—Jay Gibson

A Gene Fullmer won the middleweight championship from Robinson on January 2, 1957, in New York. They met three more times in championship bouts: Robinson knocking out Fullmer in the fifth round in Chicago on May 1, 1957, to regain the title; a draw in Los Angeles on December 3, 1960; and Fullmer scoring a unanimous decision in 15 rounds at Las Vegas on March 4, 1961.

Q I have a bet. I say Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) was only dropped to the canvas in one fight—against Joe Frazier. My buddy says he was decked by other guys. Please settle.
—James Jones

A You lose. Muhammad Ali was knocked down four times. Aside from Frazier, he was floored by Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper and Chuck Wepner.

Q What is the least amount of time a heavyweight champion has held the title?
—Jay Buchanan

A Leon Spinks holds the modern record for the shortest reign. He won the title in his eighth pro start, winning the heavyweight championship from Muhammad Ali on February 15, 1978, then lost the title in a return go with Ali on September 15, 1978, a total of 213 days.

Q Bud Taylor was a bantamweight champion in the 1920s. Was he ever involved in a ring fatality?
—Jimmy Cherry

A Yes, Taylor was involved in two ring fatalities: Frankie Jerome died after a bout with Taylor on January 12, 1924 and Clever Sencie died in a bout against Taylor on April 20, 1926.

Q Can you tell me how many times Henry Armstrong and Baby Arizmendi met? And what was the overall outcome of their series? —James Coburn

A In their series which started in 1933 — and ended in 1939 — Armstrong and Arizmendi met six times. Each won three. Four of the bouts were staged in Los Angeles, California and the other two were held in Mexico City, Mexico.

Q Did Virgil Akins ever win the welterweight title? If so, in what year? —James Smith

A Virgil Akins won the vacant world welterweight title on June 6, 1958 in an elimination match with Vinnie Martinez and lost the crown to Don Jordon in a 15 round bout in Los Angeles in December of the same year. They fought a return bout for the title on April 24, 1959, and Jordon won again, also in 15 rounds.

Q Was Tony Canzoneri, the former lightweight champion, from Brooklyn? And did he fight in other divisions other than lightweight? —J. Smith

A Although Canzoneri was born in Slidell, La. on November 6, 1908, he did much of his training in the old Trinity Club in Brooklyn. He was a very busy puncher fighting a draw with Bud Taylor for the vacant bantamweight title and losing to Taylor for the title in their return bout in 1927. He won the world featherweight title by decision over Benny Bass in 1928. He lost that title to Andre Routis in September of the same year. After winning the lightweight title from Al Singer in 1930, he went on to win the junior welterweight title by stopping Jackie Ked Berg in three rounds on April 24, 1931. He lost that crown on Johnny Jadick in Philadelphia on January 18, 1932, and also lost the return bout. Counting his amateur titles, Canzoneri held eight titles during his career.

Q I hear much talk about Billy Conn being in front on points when Joe Louis knocked him out in their first fight on June 18, 1941 in the Polo Grounds in New York. Is there any available record of how officials voted before the roof caved in on Conn? —Jim Greaves

A The official cards for the fight read: Judge Healy, Conn 6, Louis 6; Judge Monroe, Conn 7, Louis 4, one round even; Referee Joseph, Conn 7, Louis 5. Of course, Louis knocked Conn out at 2:58 of the 13th round to more than equalize Conn's lead.

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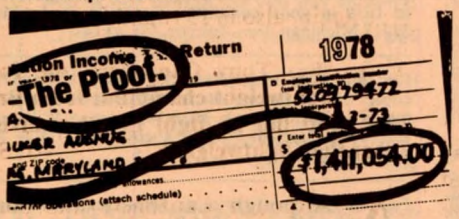

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5.	$ 480	$ 120	3/1	$ 360	$ 126	$ 236	$ 118
6.	$ 600	$ 150	3/1	$ 450	$ 158	$ 292	$ 144
7.	$ 748	$ 187	3/1	$ 561	$ 196	$ 365	$ 185
8.	$ 928	$ 262	3/1	$ 786	$ 275	$ 511	$ 253
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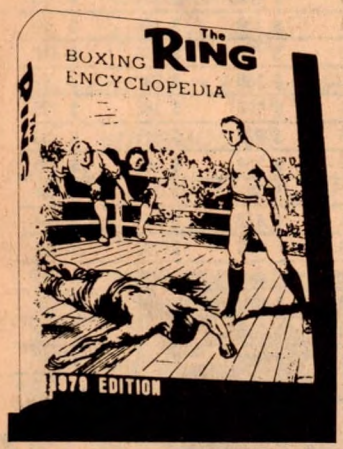

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THE STORY BEHIND SOUTH AFRICA'S GERRIE COETZEE

THE MAN WITH THE HEAVY-WEIGHT HANDS

By BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

Ever since the days of Jack Johnson the term "White Hope" has been used to describe every six-foot heavyweight with the "right"skin coloration — hopeful and hopeless alike. Today, that term is used to describe Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa, the man who destroyed Leon Spinks in 123 seconds and will fight John Tate on October 20th for a piece of the heavyweight championship.

But, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, never have so many known so little about a potential heavyweight champion. If he were as good as some would have us believe, then he should be endorsing Wheaties right now. If he were as bad as he looked in the two televised rounds of his sleep-inducing fight with Randy Stephens, then one must fear for his safety. And if he is as lethal as he was against Spinks, he is more than a legitimate "White Hope"; he is the next heavyweight champion.

Which one of these is the real Gerrie Coetzee? Which one will be the boxer meeting John Tate on October 20th in Pretoria, South Africa?

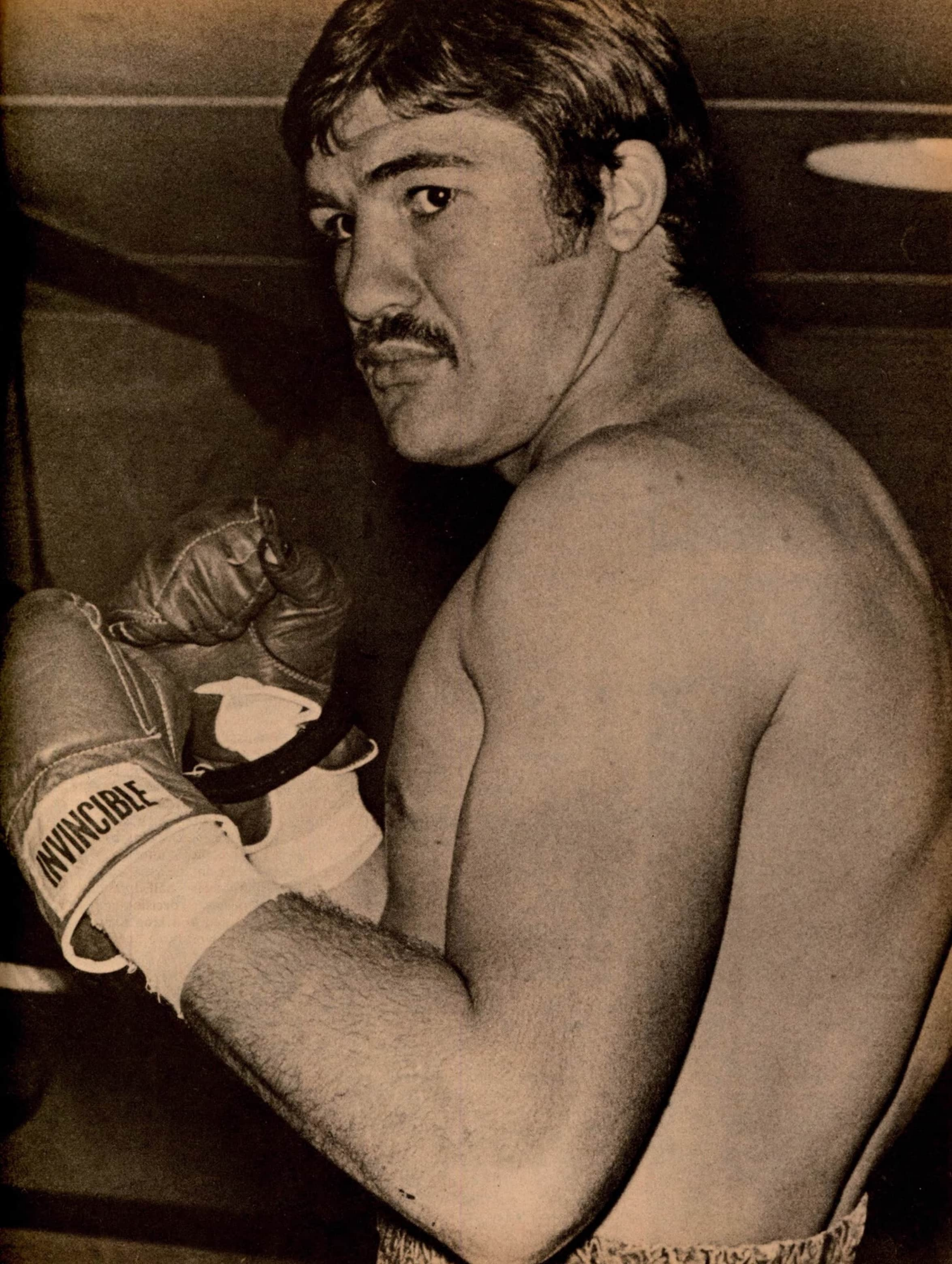
To begin to understand what makes Gerrie Coetzee run — as well as fight — one must study the background of the man himself. For he is almost as many-faceted as South Africa's other great export, diamonds.

The man whose name is pronounced "Harry" — with a throat-clearing "CH", as in Chanukah — "Coat-sea-ah" by Afrikaaners (whites of Dutch descent) was born Gerhardus Christian Coetzee on August 14, 1955, in Boksburg, Transvaal. Plagued with a severe case of asthma in his early years, so severe that at times he had to battle to breathe, young Gerrie was forced into the gym by his father, "Flip", who thought that exercise might cure him. That, and the fact that his father threatened to deprive him of his weekly allowance of one "kroon" (fifty cents) if he failed to continue his training, drove the seven-year-old to fight on a regular basis.

Within two years the constant regimen had paid off: his asthma had been cured. But his contemporaries, even older boys, were now avoiding him like the plague. Young Gerrie was forced to compete with older — and bigger — boys in order to find matches. At the age of nine he knocked out a sixteen-year-old in the finals of a local amateur tournament beginning an incredible amateur career which saw him win 192 of his 212 amateur bouts by knockout. He beat all comers, knocking out Kallie Knoetze twice in their six encounters (they split their half-dozen amateur fights, Coetze decisioning Knoetze in the second and knocking him out in the last two), and won three South African titles.

With no more amateur worlds to conquer in South Africa ("I was asked to go easy in the Transvaal Championships so 'other boxers would have a chance"), and barred from international competition because of what amounted to a world-wide boycott of South Africa (which conceivably cost him an opportunity to fight Teofilo Stevenson in the 1972 Olympics), the nineteen-year-old Coetzee turned pro in 1974.

With a straight-up, almost European style, fast feet and faster hands, Coetzee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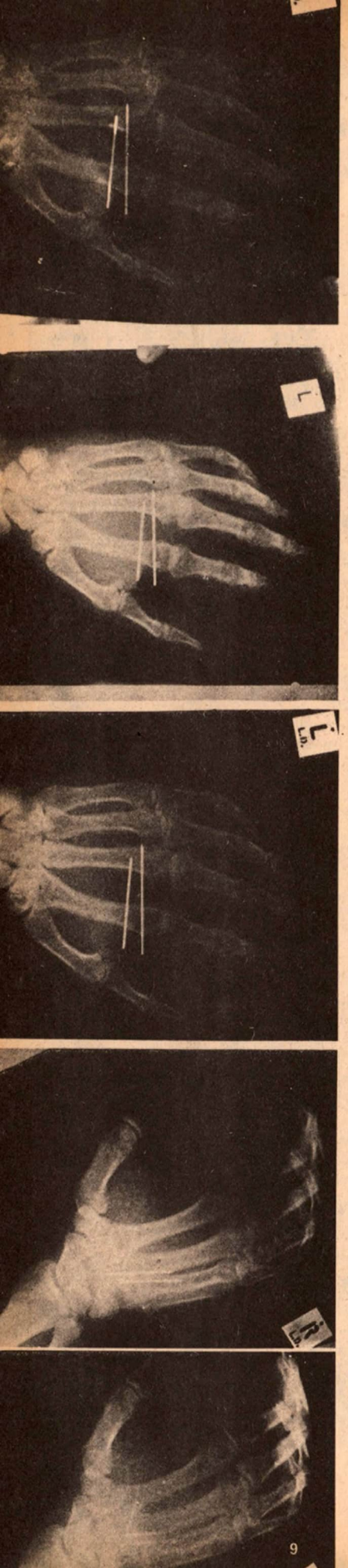

ran through his first 12 opponents, knocking out seven of them. In his 13th bout, the now 21-year-old Coetzee fought Mike Schutte for the white heavyweight championship of South Africa. The South African Boxing Board of Control, which once crowned separate black and white champions — who would then fight for the "Supreme" championship of South Africa — dropped the color barrier because, in the words of chairman Hendrick Kloppers, "it caused a bit of uncertainty overseas."

But if there was uncertainty overseas, there was none in the ring that night in Durban after Coetzee threw his very first punch, an overhand right, which dropped Schutte in the first few seconds of the first round. Schutte got up only to be dropped by Coetzee's second punch, an overhead right to the head. And so it went, with Schutte getting up and Coetzee knocking him down; four times in all in the first round. He added to his fast-growing total in the second with yet another knockdown. But still Schutte remained on his feet, albeit a little wobbly.

Schutte remained upright long enough to hit Coetzee a few right hands, some on the back of the head, knock him down with a long right swing to the head in the fourth, and butt him and maul him around the ring and through the ropes. Finally, the referee stopped the fight in the sixth round, disqualifying Schutte for continual holding and butting.

Coetzee was now the white heavyweight champion of South Africa. And almost immediately in trouble with the South African Boxing Board of Control, which suspended him, and then — although exonerating him — gave him a reprimand for his part in the brawl with Schutte. It was the first in a long line of battles Coetzee would have during his career — with politicos, partisans and press alike — often creating a civil war atmosphere reminiscent of the battles between the *Boers* and *Uitlanders*.

After winning the Supreme title some three months later in the first boxing card to feature contests between white and black professional boxers in South African history, Coetzee defended his title against Kallie Knoetze, knocking down his long-time rival and winning a close decision.

Then it was Mike Schutte's turn again. A crowd of 22,000 gathered in Johannesburg's Rand Stadium to watch Coetzee beat Schutte on points in 12 rounds to retain his championship. But what they didn't see was the damage Coetzee had done to his hands. He had fractured the second metacarpal bone in his right hand in round three, and caused a massive dislocation of his right wrist sometime during the fight. The undefeated 22-year-old champion was sent home to undergo surgery — and reflect on his future.

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A dazed Leon Spinks, draped over the ropes looks back at the man who dropped him three times in 123 seconds.

At the beginning of his six-month convalescence, Coetzee couldn't even lift a cup of tea with his right hand. Then, after the casts were taken off and the metal pins removed, he began to build up his atrophied hand muscles by squeezing rubber balls — soft ones at first, working up to harder ones. But he kept his mind on his sole objective: "It will take more than broken hands to stop me," he told one household visitor.

With time on his hands, Coetzee was able to put a "worth" on his merchandisability as a "hot property": "People have made a lot of money out of me. When I challenged Schutte for the title, I was told 'You get R1000 ($1170), take it or leave it.' Schutte got R13,000 ($14,810) as the challenger in our return bout." Then he added, somewhat rhetorically, "Do you think promoter Jaap de Villiers and Kallie Knoetze would have made the money they did if it wasn't for me?"

But even South Africa's new heavyweight "meal ticket" had problems. And not just with his hands. It was the aggressive South African press that was causing him the most grief. Naive enough to let newspaper reports rankle him, Coetzee was stung by criticism of his father serving as his trainer. Even those who thought an American trainer was not the cure-all gratuitously threw in that "Coetzee is in need of some intensive coaching by a top trainer."

For a family so close-knit, the question of his father's ability unsettled him, "My father is very good at spotting my opponent's weaknesses. It was he who planned Mike Schutte's downfall . . ." he told one interviewer, whom he called "Oom" continually in his soft-spoken voice, delivered in a sing-song manner (the word "Oom," an Afrikaaner word for "Uncle" which he uses to address all males his senior). He later told another, "There are other fighters who have made it to the top with their fathers: Vic Toweel won a world title, Willie Toweel fought a draw, Eder Jofre won a world title. And what about Oscar Bonavena?" he added. "He never won the title, but he was a top contender, trained by his father."

But the assaults increased in crescendo, aided and abetted by knowledgeable boxing men who pointed out, as did one American trainer, "His father might cost the son money . . . and maybe the championship. It has happened before. The father butted into Fernand Marcotte's training habits. Young Stribling was put in against superior fighters at the age of 16 by his father, almost ruining him. In fact," adds the trainer, "The only father-and-son relationship I have ever seen work was the Pat-Sean O'Grady duo, and the father was a manager before his son began fighting."

Even while the war of words was continuing, Coetzee returned to the ring wars, beating Americans Tom Prater in four rounds and Johnny Boudreaux in six. It was time, or so the reasoning went, to showcase his skills on American TV. And so he was matched with one Randy Stephens, supposedly a soft touch, with the bout to be televised, via satellite, by NBC.

The only thing that could be said about the Coetzee-Stephens fight was that the quality of the satellite feed was excellent. Coetzee was not. From the time the two non-combatants waltzed through an entire first round without bothering to draw back their fists in anger, throughout the remaining nine rounds, the bout was, in the vernacular, a "stinkeroo," with Coetzee winning a disputed decision. Instead of providing the exposure Coetzee so deperately wanted in the United States, NBC decided to condense it down to two rounds — although most critics asked, "Where did they find two rounds?" One even suggested that "His handlers should have paid NBC not to televise the fight. It would have been worth every cent they had to keep this one off television."

However, that wasn't the worst of Coetzee's problems. First there was the press. Coetzee threw down the first gauntlet, claiming that a newspaperman for "a Sunday newspaper" had withheld or threatened to withhold publicity for his fights unless he was paid a percentage of Coetzee's purse. Norman Canale, the boxing writer for the *Sunday Times*, admitted that he was the man who stood accused, and that he had been paid 500 Rands (approximately $570) for what he called "publicity advisor". He resigned under pressure a week later. But even that failed to assuage the Coetzee camp, which barred other newsmen from covering his training. The press retaliated in kind, saying after the fight that Coetzee had been drugged, that he had deliberately missed blows and that he was purposely safeguarding his hands for a forthcoming fight with Ron Lyle. Others called him a "Poor Man's Ali", referring to his habit of pulling back from punches, a la Ali, and clowning around. In a country where every controversy is made into a story and every story into a headline, the Coetzee vs. The Press pot was continually stirred — by both sides.

Then there was the South African Boxing Board of Control. Holding that Coetzee had taken an illegal drug, a tranquilizer called Penada, had had his right hand encased in a plastic cover and had sparred less than seven rounds for the fight — totally inadequate, they held, as preparation for a major fight coming off of six months of inactivity — they suspended him for six months. They also suspended his manager and his father for violations over and above those they found Coetzee himself guilty of. Coetzee and camp threatened to leave South Africa to go someplace called "New Mexico, U.S.A." to pursue his profession if the ban was not lifted.

And finally, there were his hands. Although Coetzee admitted taking the tranquilizer on his doctor's orders — which, in fact, was administered to him by his father — he denied using the plastic casing on his right hand, having taken it off prior to the fight, at the heated behest of Shepherd's trainer, former lightweight champion Curtis Cokes. Upon reflection, perhaps he should have left it on. His right hand was completely dislocated, the joint between the metacarpal bones and his wrist ripped apart, and with it the nylon reparations from the previous operation. More surgery was needed.

The hand, so badly smashed that it was thought that Coetzee's career was at an end, was operated on. The result? The hand was no longer a hand, but a fist. For the doctor who operated on the hand — and whose name, as one newspaper put it tactfully, "cannot be published for ethical reasons" — removed the smashed joints and cartilage and fused the scraped bones together, welded raw bone to raw bone. The hand was fixed in a hitting position, making it into, what the doctor called, "a rock fist," one that "could punch a brick wall."

It was that hand-fist, now looking like a palsied hand, which Coetzee first tried out against Ibar Arrington some five months after the operation and one month after it had set. But because the bones had not yet consolidated, he not only did not knock out his opponent, but tried not to use his fist with full force in order not to re-damage it.

(Ironically, even though Coetzee had held back, Arrington was forced to retire after the fight owing to extensive brain damage.)

But last June 24th in Monte Carlo there were no such reservations. After weathering Leon Spinks' early rushes, he taunted Spinks, "That attack wasn't good enough. I'm going to hurt you, real bad. Tonight you are fighting a real heavyweight." Then he proceeded to throw his novacaine-loaded right hand. The very first time it landed it floored Spinks for the first time in his professional career. The second time, it floored him again. The third, it ended the fight.

Now this mustachioed ex-dental technician, who boasts "I make teeth by day and knock them out by night," stands one fight away from becoming the world's heavyweight champion, or a fraction

thereof. The man who shows respect for his elders, affection for his family and impeccable manners can become the first white heavyweight to transcend the title "White Hope" to become the holder of the heavyweight title. And the man who has taken on all comers, inside and outside the ring as well — defending his association with his black gardener, David Stehle, and suffering threatening letters condemning him as "A bad Afrikaaner" — can, by taking on and defeating John Tate on October 20th, become only South Africa's third world champion, following in the footsteps of bantamweight champs Vic Toweel and Arnold Taylor.

Can he do it? Angelo Dundee feels Coetzee "has the firepower to go with his blistering speed." Veteran trainer Chickie Ferrara described him as "the fastest thing on two feet since the young Muhammad Ali." But one American trainer believes that "if he has one flaw it's that he never comes back with a left hook after a right hand."

Which is the real Gerrie Coetzee? Only time — and Tate — will tell. ■

The Following Editorial Appeared in the Transvaal, South Africa, *Post*, June 4, 1979, after John Tate had beaten Kallie Knoetze:

Thank you, Big John

THANK YOU, John Tate. You have made us proud and enabled us to walk tall this morning.

You may have noticed in the few weeks you've been here that we live in a crazy country. We are all, in a way, crazy people.

Otherwise how do you explain that whites are mourning your clinical demolition of their idol Kallie Knoetze, while your victory sends ripples of happiness and jubilation through the black community? That's how crazy we are.

Traces of racism on both sides? Maybe a bit of it but more.

You see, John, we are a nation tragically divided. When you entered that ring in Mmabatho there was more to it than just a boxing match. Not just a display of talent between two gladiators.

It was at the one end black pride and dignity represented by you and white arrogance and selfishness as represented by Knoetze on the other. Your victory was therefore seen in that context.

Let us explain further, John. If and when you meet Gerrie Coetzee, you'll find us different. You will find many of us switching our allegiances to him. Because he's human. He's warm. He's a gentleman. Above all he has publically denounced racialism. So if he eventually becomes world champion he will be a worthy holder. Someone our kids can look up to be a fine example.

Knoetze, on the other hand is someone we resent very much. Boxing in our community would have suffered a mortal blow if Knoetze ever became world champ. He knows why we do not care for him.

This is why we love you John. You made sure he does not become one as long as the likes of you are around.

You were big. You were black. You were beautiful. What is more, you were proud. Keep on keeping on.

COETZEE'S RING RECORD

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 14	Chris Roos	Johannesburg	W 4
Oct. 26	Bert Cuipers	Johannesburg	KO 1
Nov. 2	Kosie Oosthuizen	Pretoria	KO 1

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 22	Steve Foley	Johannesburg	KO 3
May 5	Hennie Thoonen	Johannesburg	W 6
June 7	Amedio Laureti	Johannesburg	W 6
June 27	Hennie Thoonen	Johannesburg	KO 3
Oct. 27	Chris Roos	Johannesburg	KO 3

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 26	Jimmy Richards	Johannesburg	W 6
March 22	Hartmut Sasse	Johannesburg	W 8
April 10	Jimmy Richards (Transvaal Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	KO 9
July 18	Ron Stander	Johannesburg	KO 8
Aug. 16	Mike Schutte (South African Heavyweight Title)	Durban	WF 6
Oct. 30	Kallie Knoetze	Johannesburg	W 10
Nov. 27	James Mathatho (South African Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	KO 7

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULTS
March 19	Pierre Fourie (South African Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	KO 3
April 16	Mike Schutte	Johannesburg	W 12
Oct. 29	Tom Prater	Johannesburg	KO 4
Dec. 3	Johnny Boudreaux	Johannesburg	KO 6

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 26	Randy Stephens	Johannesburg	W 10
Dec. 15	Ibar Arrington	Durban	W 10

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 24	Leon Spinks	Monte Carlo	KO 1

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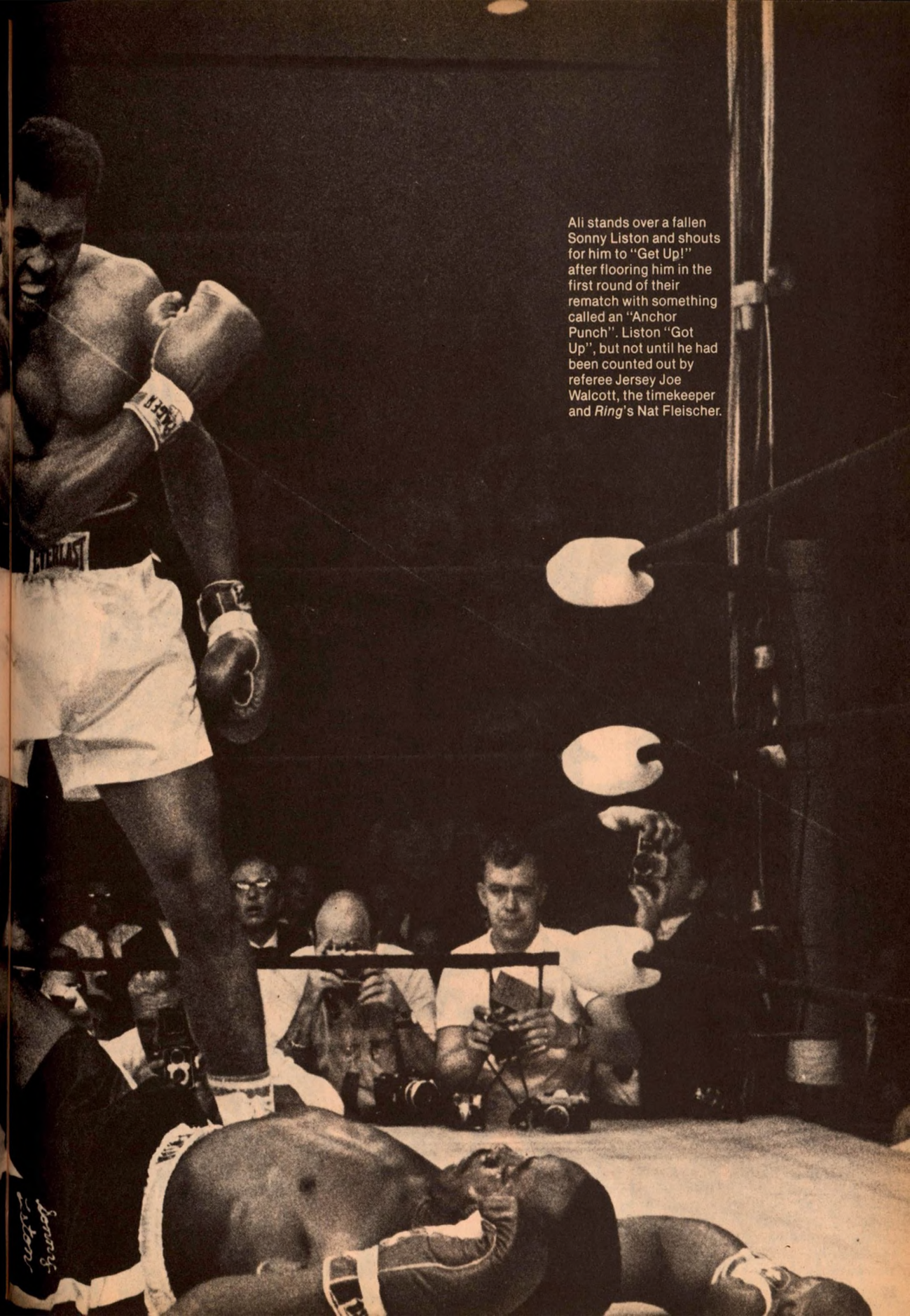
The earliest known photo of young Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. as a boxer.

A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT MUHAMMAD ALI THE 'ONCE AND FUTURE CHAMPION' IN WORDS AND PICTURES

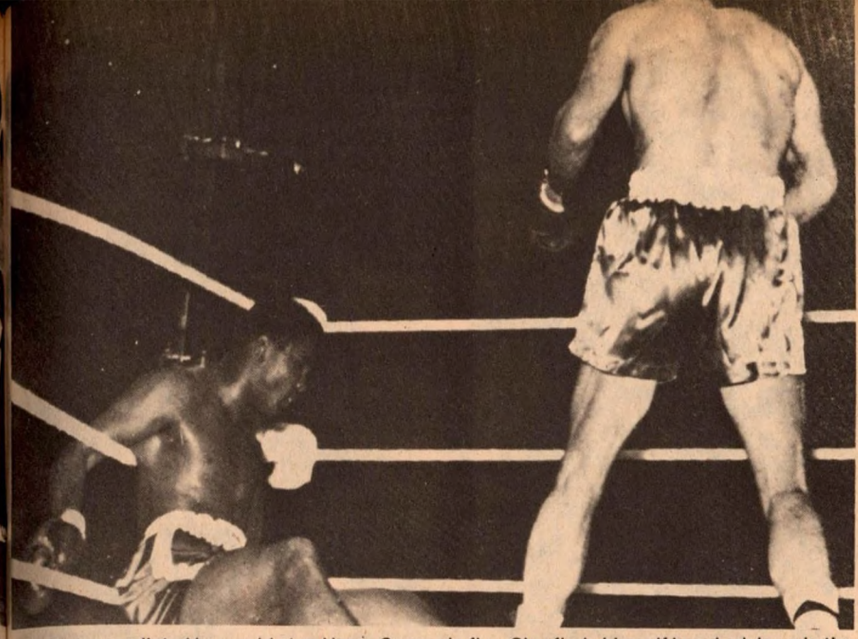
By DAVE ANDERSON



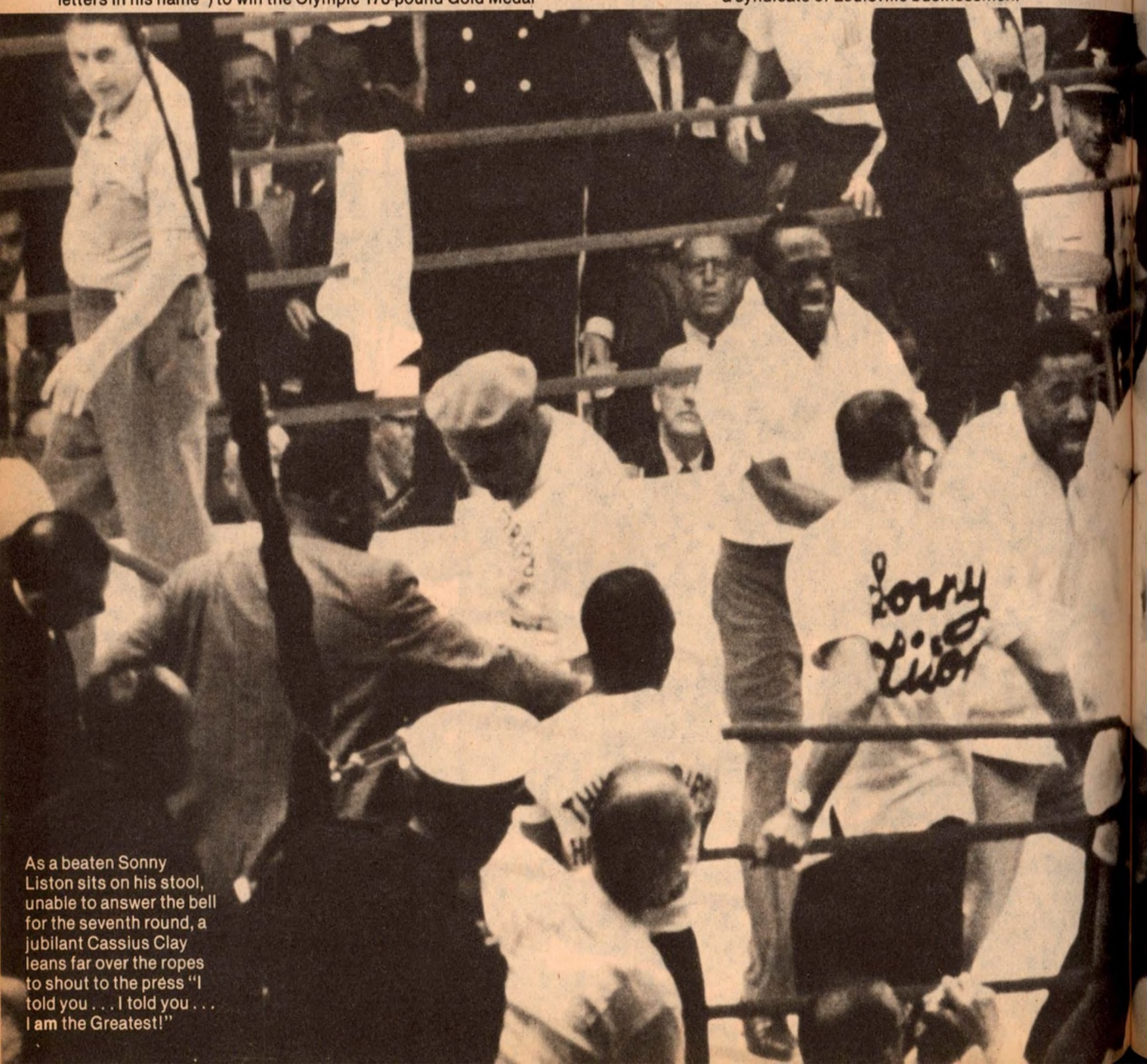
Ali stands over a fallen Sonny Liston and shouts for him to "Get Up!" after flooring him in the first round of their rematch with something called an "Anchor Punch". Liston "Got Up", but not until he had been counted out by referee Jersey Joe Walcott, the timekeeper and *Ring*'s Nat Fleischer.

An eighteen-year-old Cassius Clay beat Zbiegniew Piertrzkowski ("Someone with 15 letters in his name") to win the Olympic 178-pound Gold Medal

A smiling Cassius Clay signs a four-year contract with a syndicate of Louisville businessmen.



Having predicted he would stop Henry Cooper in five, Clay finds himself knocked down in the fourth round. Saved by the bell, Clay made his prediction come true one round later.



As a beaten Sonny Liston sits on his stool, unable to answer the bell for the seventh round, a jubilant Cassius Clay leans far over the ropes to shout to the press "I told you . . . I told you . . . I **am** the Greatest!"

Muhammad Ali has retired more times than Frank Sinatra. As far back as August 1975, **Ring** *Magazine carried an article by Dan Daniel entitled "Ali Plans Beyond Fighting Days," relying on Ali's oft-spoken desire to retire. However, Ali cried "Wolf" more than "Retirement" and somehow always came back to give yet another Farewell Performance after each pronouncement. This time, though, he has supported his pronouncement with a written statement to the WBA renouncing his title. And,* **this time,** *we believe him! So, we have put together an exciting portfolio of pictures capturing the best of the man who calls himself "The Greatest", together with his Farewell Interview with the distinguished sportswriter Dave Anderson of the New York* **Times,** *to give boxing fans a look backward at the man who dominated the sport a great part of the past two decades.*

IN a few hours Muhammad Ali would strut into a boxing ring for the first time as an officially retired world heavyweight champion. And now, in his suite high in the Meadowlands Hilton last Friday, the blinds were drawn as he stretched out on his bed. Outside perhaps a dozen friends, admirers and leeches were waiting for an audience. But the once and always champ was tired. He had been on the go for more than seven hours in Jersey City, riding in a chauffeured limousine to the howl of police sirens as he hurried to appear at a breakfast, at two playgrounds, at a shopping mall, at a cocktail party, at a picnic in a park, at the medical center. Thousands had squealed, laughed, chanted "Ah-lee, Ah-lee" and scrambled to touch him.

"Look at the parade I get," he had said in the limousine. "This is every day, everywhere I go."

But now, while Muhammad Ali rested, his future was being plotted while he reflected on his past.

"Look at this," he said, tossing a brown bottle to a visitor. "Muhammad Ali vitamins."

"And they'll be in the stores," a lady said, "as soon as you sign this contract."

Muhammad Ali signed his name, the lady put the contract in her briefcase and departed. The champ put his head back on the pillow and considered the questions.

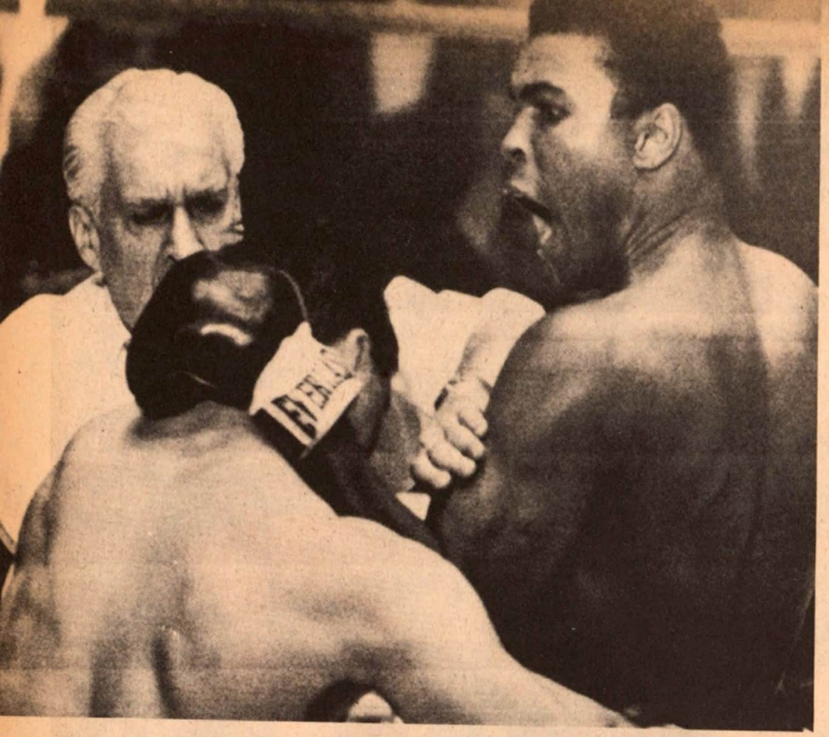
"My biggest, proudest moment?" he repeated softly. My biggest, proudest moment."

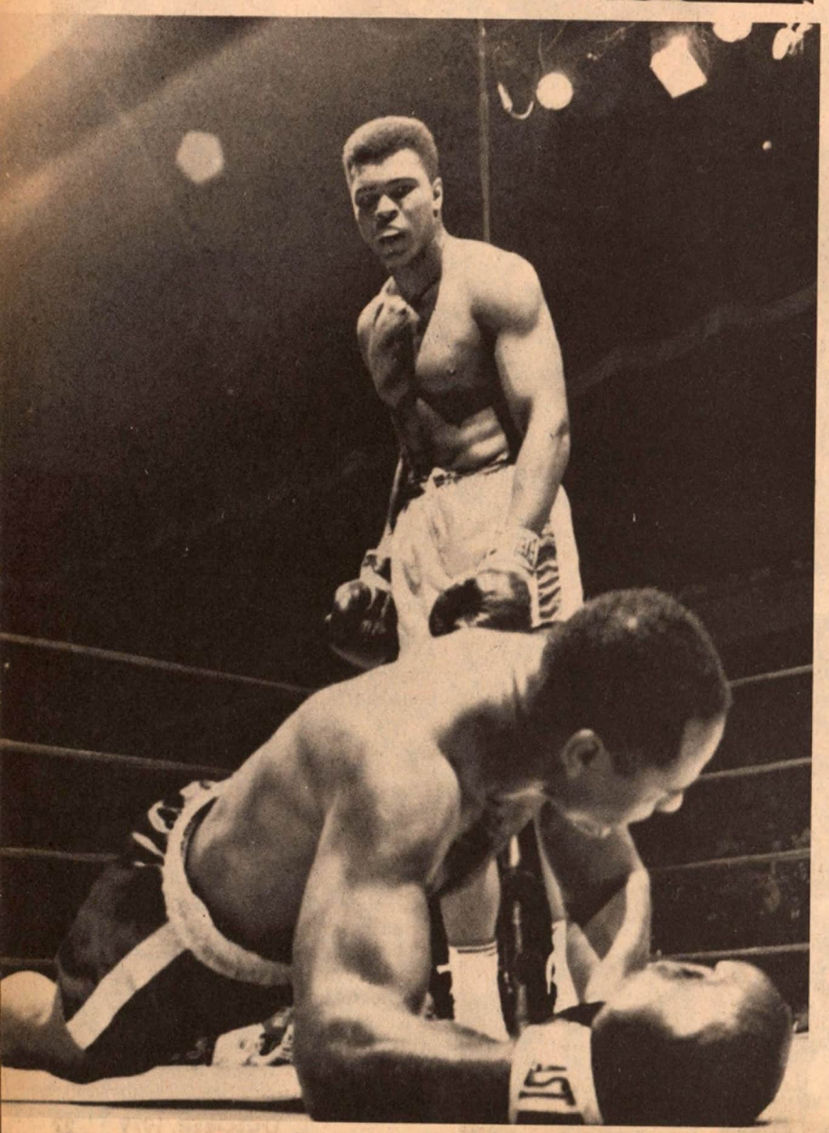
Staring at the ceiling in the darkened room, he appeared as if he might fall asleep.

"Zaire," he said suddenly, his eyes wide open now. "Winning the title the second time, destroying George Foreman, who had destroyed Joe Frazier. Destroying George Foreman, who had the image of

In a fight that turned into a crusade, Muhammad Ali lands a right to the jaw of two-time former champ Floyd Patterson who had vowed to "Bring the championship back to America." The fight and the crusade ended when the bout was stopped in the 12th round.

Ali and his "official" family: Trainer Angelo Dundee, Head Cheer Leader Drew "Bundini" Brown and Wally Youngblood (AKA Wally Muhammad), Assistant Trainer.





such deadly power. That was so satisfying. That was the biggest, the proudest."

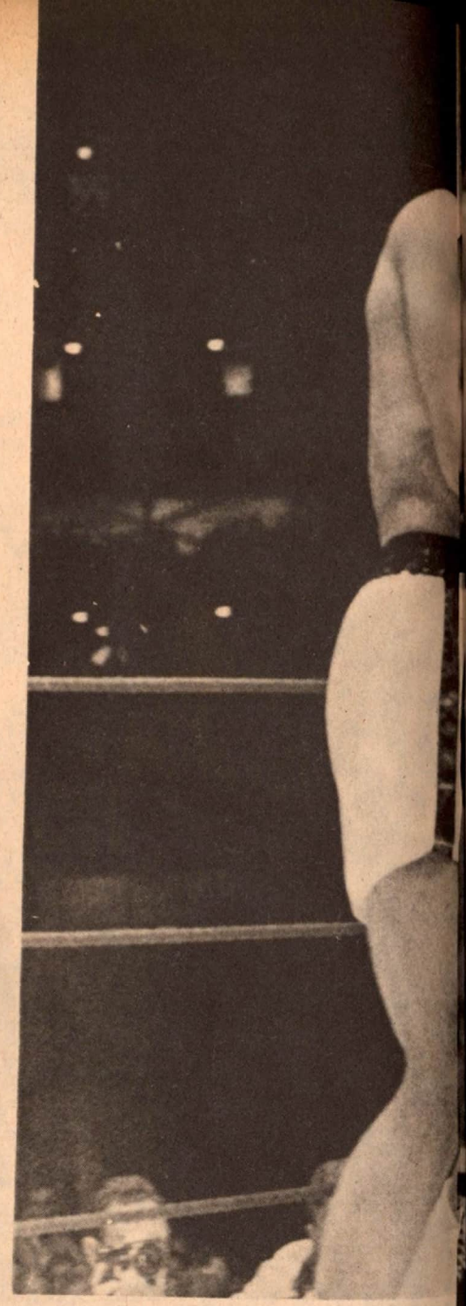
"Was that," he was asked, "your most important fight, too?"

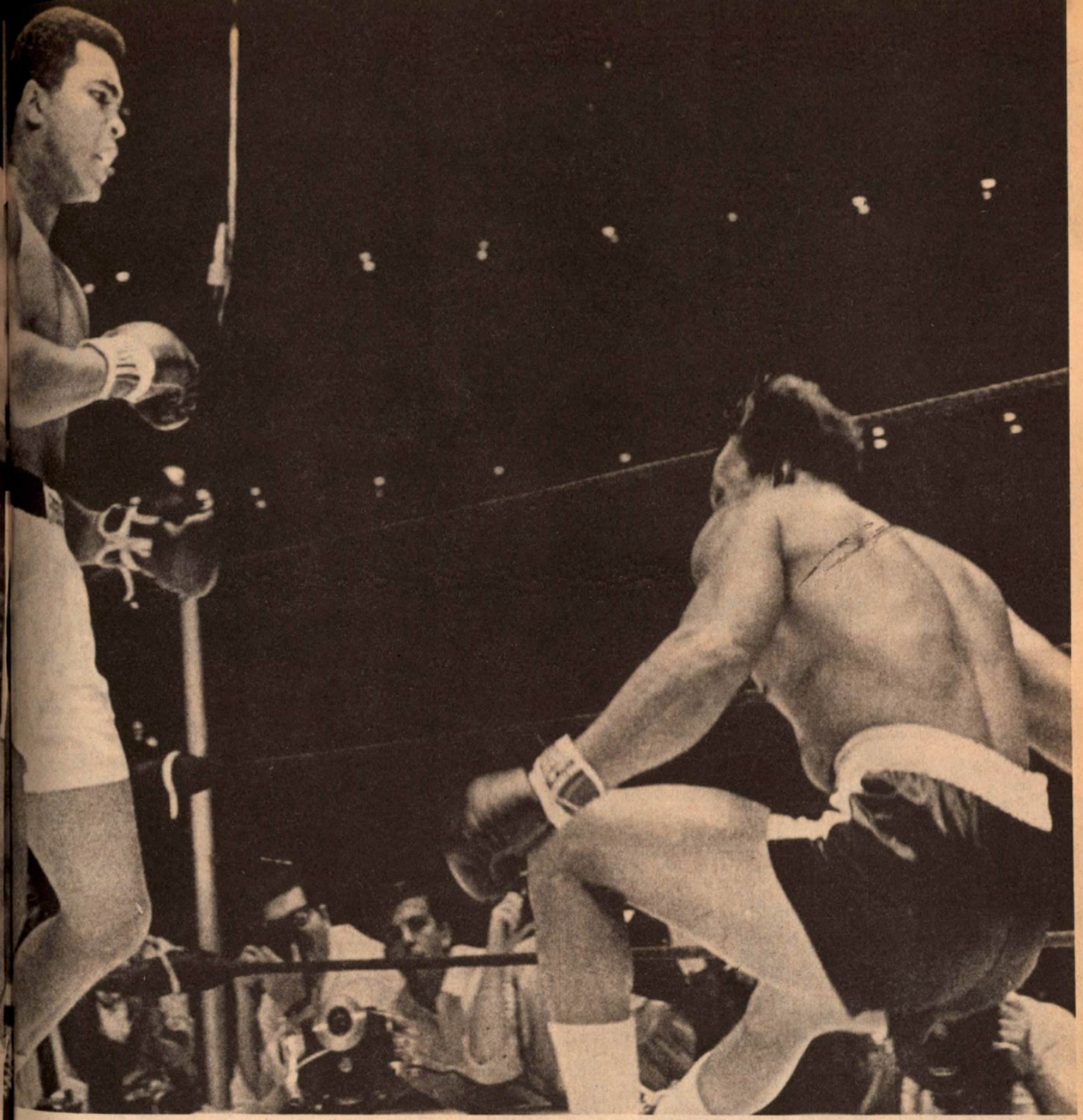
"No," he said. "The most important was the second Spinks fight. Winning the title for the third time. Ending my career as a winner. That was the most important."

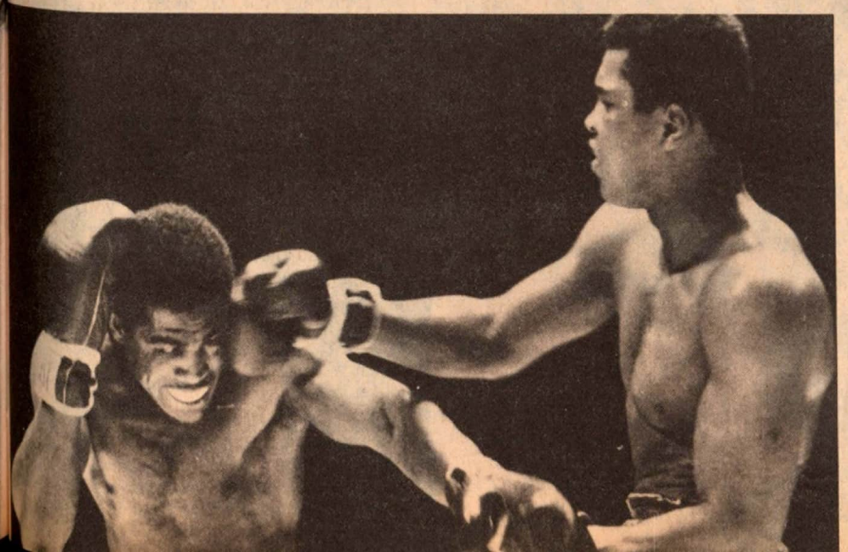
"What was the best single punch you ever threw?"

"The right hand that dropped Foreman in Zaire," he said, "and then the right hand that dropped Sonny Liston in the second fight."

Above him now, a man handed Muhammad Ali a pamphlet and the once and always champ stared at it.





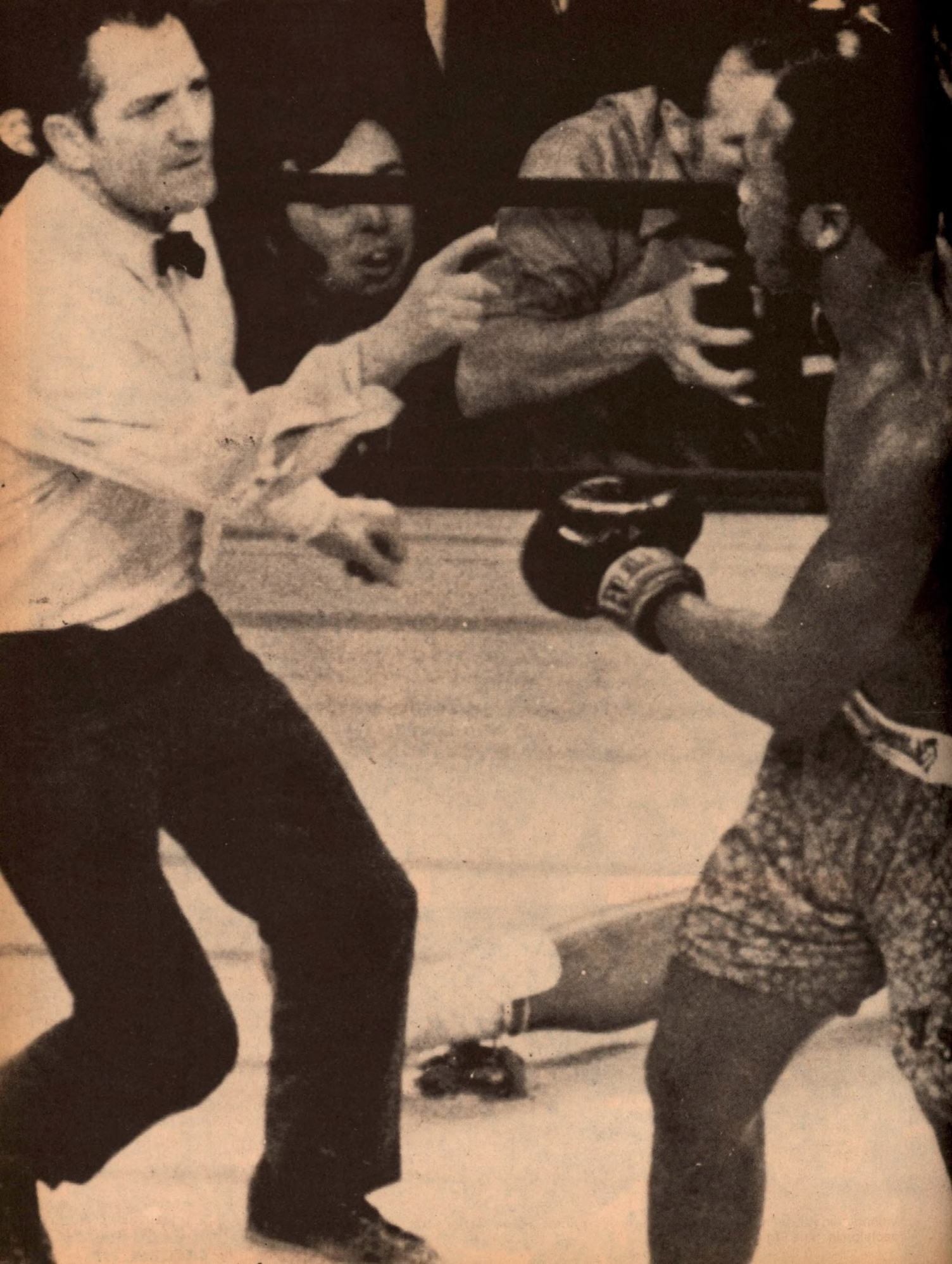


George Chuvalo proved to be a better catcher than pitcher in his title fight with Ali, as Ali retained his crown with a unanimous decision over the rugged Canadian, March 29, 1966. *(top left).*

Many—including Ali himself—called his near-perfect fight against Cleveland Williams in Houston, November 14, 1966, his greatest ring performance; one that ended with Williams TKO'd in the third round after being knocked down four times. *(above)*

Ali went out to "humiliate" WBA champ Ernie Terrell in their fifteen-round championship fight in Houston, February 6, 1967. Ali not only humiliated him, but thoroughly beat him enroute to a unanimous decision. *(left).*

In his last fight before being forced to "retire", Ali knocks out Zora Folley in the seventh to retain his title, March 22, 1967. *(bottom left).*



Muhammad Ali, seemingly rendered "hors de combat" by Joe Frazier's left hook in the final round, got up only to lose a fifteen-round decision in "The Fight", March 8, 1971.

"Your school," the man said. The Muhammad Ali Institute of Technology and Theatrics — read this so you'll know all the details about it."

"Yeah, man," the champ said. "Thanks, man."

Again he closed his eyes and meditated.

"The toughest fight?" he was saying now, repeating the question. "The toughest was Manila, feeling so dead, so tired, a hard brutal fight, taking a lot of punishment from Joe Frazier, giving a lot, an endurance test."

"What was your best technical fight?"

"Cleveland Williams," he said of a sometimes-forgotten 1966 title fight in Houston, a third-round knockout. "Got him home early. Don't think I missed a punch."

"Your worst fight?"

"Chuck Wepner — almost lost it, took him too light."

"Your easiest fight?"

"Rudi Lubbers in Jakarta — man didn't do nothin'."

"Your toughest foe?"

"Joe Frazier," he said, shaking his head. "Joe Fraaaa-zier — he took everything and kept coming. Ken Norton was tough, too, but different. He pulled back. Hard to reach him. Stood straight up. Didn't crouch over. Awkward."

"What was your most important contribution to the world?"

"To the world?" he said softly, closing his eyes again. "My most important contribution to the world was my Islamic conversion. Made me more of a world figure."

"Did your three-and a-half-year exile help you or hurt you?"

"Helped me," he said. "Helped me financially. I got $2.5 million for the first Frazier fight after I came back. Helped me physically. Gave me a rest. Let me fight longer. And helped me mentally. Gave me more to fight for."

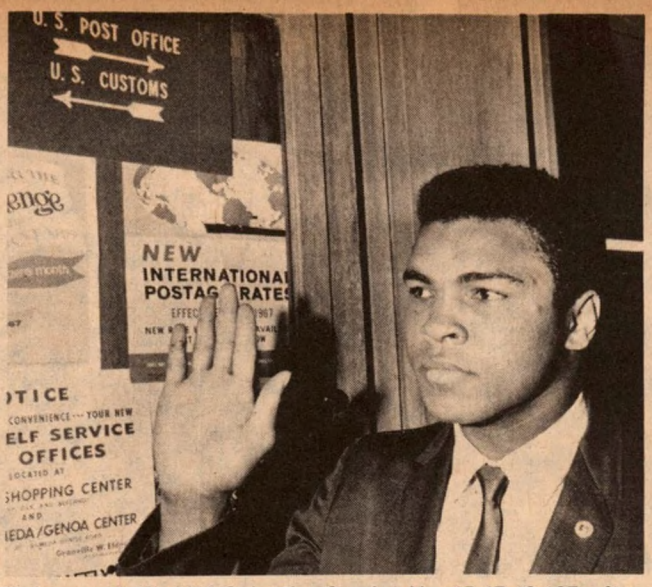
"If you could go back and do anything differently, would you?"

"No," he said quickly. "Everything turned out good. The draft thing turned out good. The Islamic conversion turned out good — look at all the other athletes who have names like mine now; they all fell in and I started it. Even my three losses turned out good. All those losses gave me the chance to be a three-time champ."

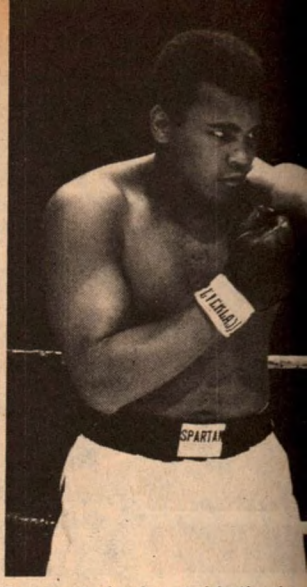
"What was your most desperate moment?"

"Going into the last round of the Spinks fight that I lost. And the last round of the Earnie Shavers fight. And the last round of both the second and third fights with Norton; that second fight with Norton turned my career. Lose that fight and I don't get to fight Joe Frazier the second time and I don't get to fight Foreman in Zaire."

"If you had not been a loudmouth," he



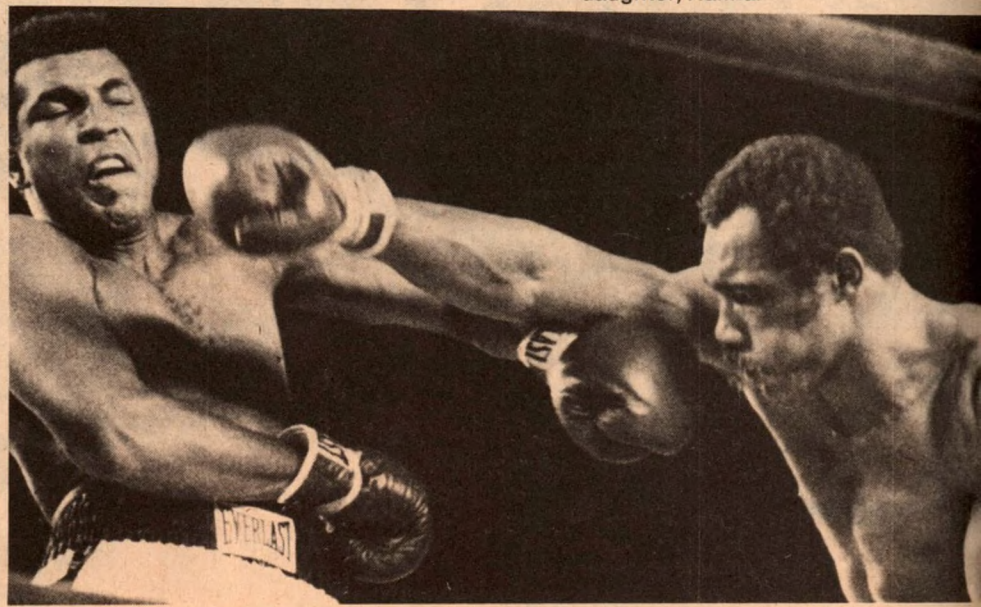
Muhammad Ali, AKA Selective Service No. 15-47-42-127, after refusing to take the traditional step forward at his Army induction in Houston on April 28, 1967.



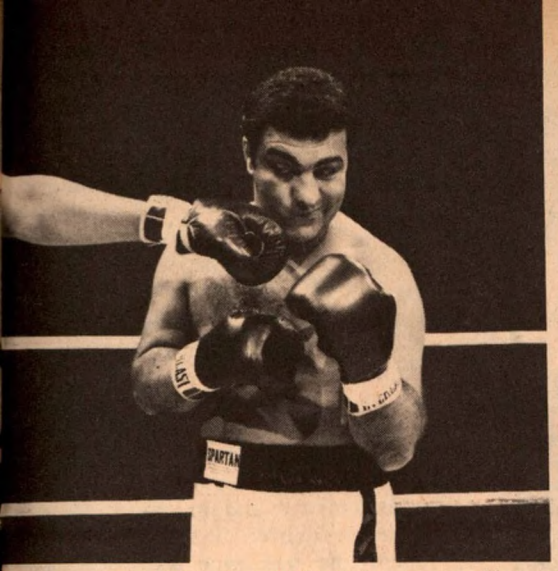
Forced to look outside the ring "Computer Fight" for the mythi Marciano; a bout "won" by Roc

Family scene, Act II: Ali with his second wife, Belinda, and daughter Maryum.

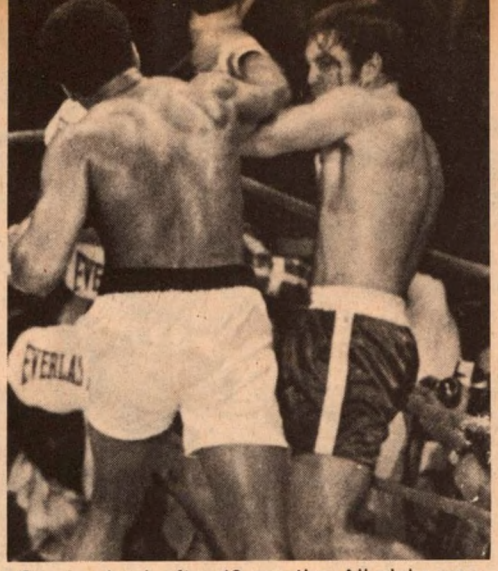
Family scene, Act III: Ali with his third wife, Veronica and their daughter, Hanna.



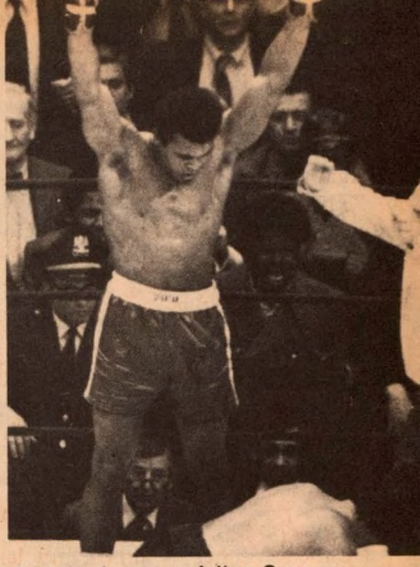
Ken Norton broke Ali's streak of comeback wins — and his jaw as well — in 12-round upset, March 31, 1973, San Diego, Cal.



his livelihood, the defrocked champion engaged in a All-Time Heavyweight Championship against Rocky in the thirteenth round.



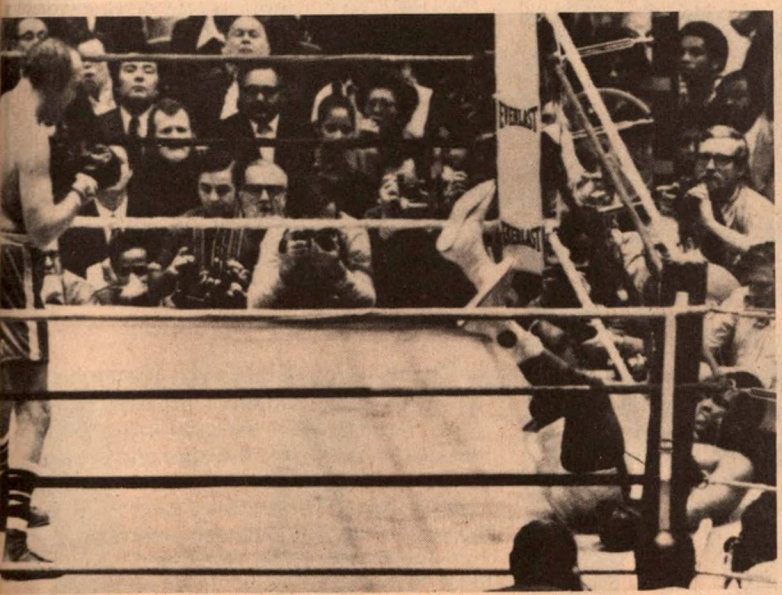
Coming back after 43 months, Ali picks up rights where he left off: scoring a third round TKO over Jerry Quarry in Atlanta.



Ali stands over a fallen Oscar Bonavena, down for the third time, as he wins his second "Comeback" fight.

Ali surveys the beached carcass of Buster Mathis in the final round of their bout in Houston, November 17, 1971.

Ali shows his daughter, Maryum, a sign hand painted by his father Cassius Marcellus Clay Sr., laying down the rules of the Kytchen" for all those who ate at his Deer Lake, Pa. training camp.

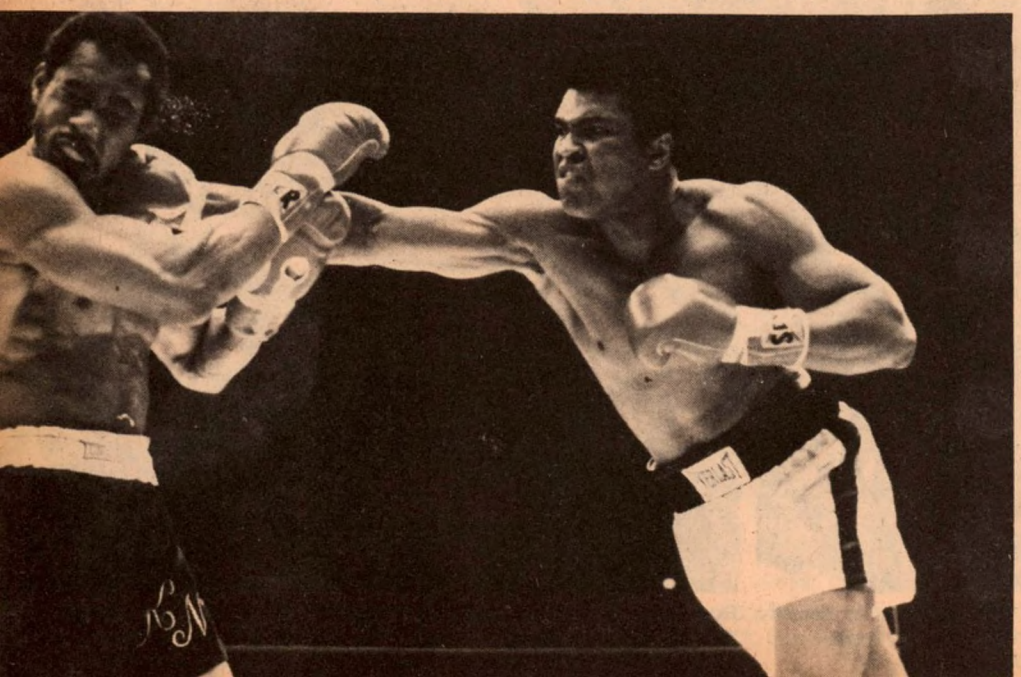


A shocked Chuck Wepner, the real life "Rocky", stands over an equally shocked Ali after knocking him down in the ninth round of their heavyweight championship fight in Cleveland on March 24, 1975.

Ron Lyle put up a better fight against Ali than most thought possible before being stopped by a fusillage of punches in the 11th round of their title fight, May 16, 1975.

Ali triumphs over George Foreman and great odds in his "Rumble in the Jungle" knocking out the champion in the eighth round and becoming the second man to regain the heavyweight championship.

Ali lands a hard right to the jaw of challenger Ken Norton as he went on to win their rubber match in a unanimous decision at Yankee Stadium, September 28, 1976.



was asked, "would you have been as good?"

"Talking and bragging made me fight better. I had to back up what I said. All the pressure I put on myself. Having a cause and purpose. I thought if I lose, all the people in my religion lose, all the black people lose. All those burdens helped me fight hard."

"How do you want to be remembered?"

"That he took a few cups of love and one teaspoon of patience," his eyes flashing now. "One tablespoon of generosity. One pint of kindness. One quart of laughter. Mixed it up and stirred it well. And then he spread it over the span of a lifetime and served it to each and every deserving person he met."

He closed his eyes and smiled.

"My recipe for life," he said.

Suddenly he was wide awake. Angry voices across the room were debating who deserved credit for bringing him a contract for a clothing endorsement. Muhammad Ali appeared to be enjoying the argument.

"All right," one of Ali's advisers suggested, "everybody else out of the room."

Muhammad Ali had come to Jersey City for a pair of exhibitions with Gov. Brendan Byrne and Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith.

"He's doing it for nothing," said Murad Muhammad, the energetic boxing promoter. "He gave me his word three months ago and when I asked him how much he wanted, he told me, 'You protected my life as my personal security man all over the world, I can't take money from you.' He's even paying his own air fare from Los Angeles, round trip."

But when Murad Muhammad announced at a breakfast for nearly a thousand people at the Chateau Versailles that Ali was not getting paid, the once and always champ glared.

"Hold it," he said at the dais. "You mean I'm here for nothin'?" Slowly, he stood up and balled his right fist, saying "Now it'll be up to me to get my money." And then he laughed and got up to talk to the people.

"You all should be tired of me," he said.

"No, honey," called a woman in the back.

"And," he continued, "I'm tired of myself."

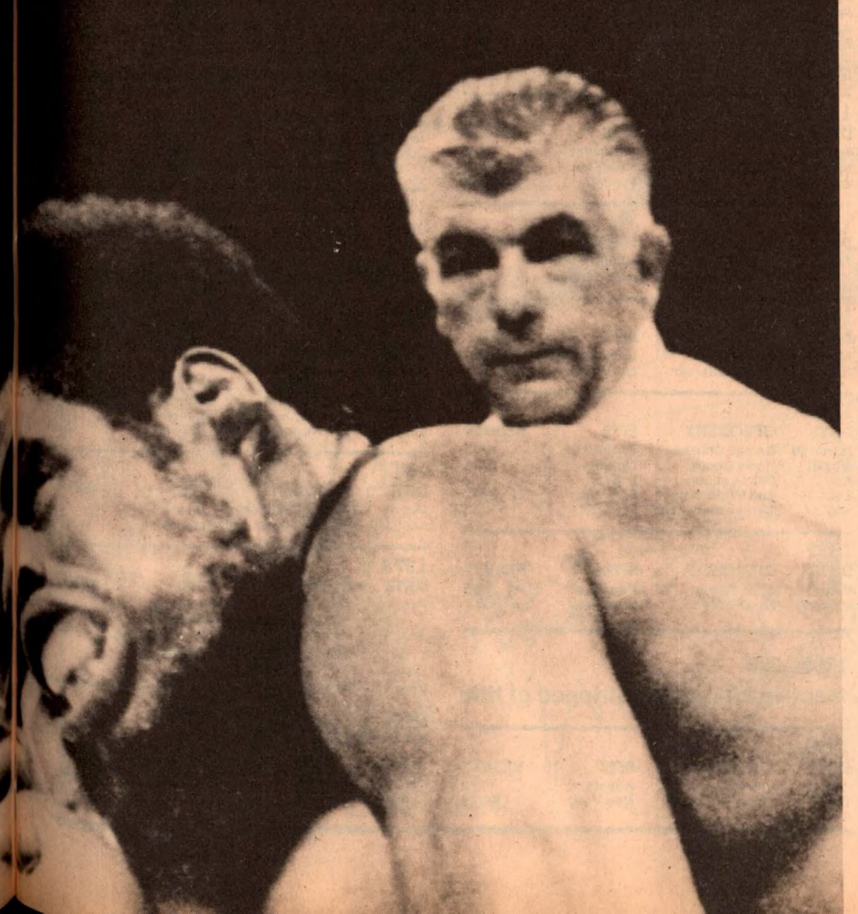
"You look better better than ever, honey."

"Tell me somethin' new," he said, grinning.

Only three days earlier Muhammad Ali had announced his retirement. And now, in the gray velvet back seat of the limousine, the once and always

"The Thrilla in Manila" — Ali went back to the well to find some hidden reserves and stop Joe Frazier in the 14th round in what most observers — including Ali himself — call his "toughest" fight.

Muhammad Ali strengthened his claim to "The Greatest" by "whupping" world champion Leon Spinks to become the only man to regain the heavyweight championship twice.



champ shook his head.

I haven't felt it yet," he said. "The whole trick is, I've got to start living without the title, making movies without the title, doing commercials without the title, making money without the title. The whole trick is being able to make a living on my record."

The limousine was moving through a black neighborhood and he waved to the kids shouting at him.

"I'm just so happy for black history that I'm the first one to go out a champion," he said. "Joe Louis didn't go out a champion, Sugar Ray Robinson didn't go out a champion, Joe Frazier didn't go out a champion. And look at me, I'm a three-time champion. Every day is a happy day for me. I defeated all my press critics who wanted to see me on my back. They wanted to say, 'He got whupped. The big mouth got whupped.' But now they're wrong. They feel bad but I feel so good. I whupped everybody. If there ever was a mouth they wanted to close, if there was a nigger they wanted to see whupped, it was me. But I got away."

As the limousine slowed, dozens of kids were running alongside it, peering through the window.

Hunching forward, Muhammad Ali stared out the window and held up his right fist and shook it and grinned at the kids. Then, as the window came down, the car rolled to a stop and a little black girl, maybe ten years old, suddenly realized she was face to face, only inches away, from the once and always champ. Startled by him, her mouth and her eyes opened wide. And for a frozen moment, they stayed wide.

"Awestruck," somebody in the limousine said. "That's what you call awestruck."

As the limousine with Ali and Mayor Smith moved away from a playground, the once and always champ heard a woman call, "You ain't nothin'."

"Stop!" he yelled to Frank Romano, the driver. "Stop the car."

Ali hopped out and the Mayor followed him. Ali walked back to the woman and stared down at her.

"Who you talkin' about, me or the Mayor?" he said.

"I didn't say anything," the woman said meekly.

"It's all right, Ali," the Mayor said. "Let's go."

"The Mayor's a good man," Muhammad Ali told her.

Minutes later, Mayor Smith asked the driver to stop at his home and he invited Ali in to meet his wife. The once and always champ sat in a big velvet chair in the living room.

"Would you like something to drink?" Mrs. Smith said.

"Root beer," Ali said.. "If you have a root beer."

"We thank you," said Murad Muhammad, the promoter, "for inviting us to your home."

"This," the Mayor replied, "is our greatest honor."

"You don't know how happy I am," Muhammad Ali said, "a black boy from Louisville in the Mayor's home."

At the Hudson Mall shopping center, Frank Romano hurried to buy a Coke while Ali appeared at the stores.

"Make it to go," he told the white girl behind the counter. "I'm driving Ali and he might come out any minute."

He put down a dollar bill but the girl handed it back to him. "Keep it," she said. 'You're driving Ali."

In the upstairs room at the Casino in the Park, a man arrived with a clothing bag — a new suit and shirt for Muhammad Ali, whose suit had been smudged with lipstick and ink. In a back corner, Ali changed into fresh clothes while two of his security guards watched.

"I wonder," said Tony Ravo, a Newark detective, "who'd draw more in Italy — Ali or the Pope."

"The Pope," Salome Bey, husky in a blue suit, said firmly. "Nobody draws like the Pope."

By nightfall some of Ali's old entourage had gathered — Drew (Bundini) Brown, Gene Kilroy and Wali Muhammad. Bundini was carrying the once and always champ's new white satin robe with a small blue diamond over the heart with a "3" inside "world champ." And when Ali entered the dim, smoky Jersey City Armory, those among the 5,000 spectators who saw him began chanting "Ah-lee, Ah-lee."

Soon the once and always champ was in the ring. Blue sweatpants distracted from his soft belly. His weight was announced at 230 pounds but a ringsider claimed he had seen the scale bar balance at 245 pounds minutes earlier. No matter. Ali never threw a real punch. He patted the politicians occasionally with his big red gloves. He even spanked the Mayor once.

Against the Governor, who wore a green-and-blue down vest for protection, Ali stumbled and flopped into three knockdowns. Against the Mayor, who had lost 20 pounds in training and had a good jab, Ali faked a few more knockdowns. The Governor got a draw, the Mayor a decision. But soon Ali was back near his dressing room, talking about how Earnie Shavers would knock out Larry Holmes for the World Box Council title, talking about his planned WORLD group (World Organization for Rights, Liberty and Dignity), which will be officially formed soon, talking about how he spurned a $50 million offer for another title bout.

"Bunch of South African businessmen offered it to me to fight that guy who beat Spinks," he said alluding to Gerrie Coetzee, a South African heavyweight. "You know what it would mean to them to have a South African knock me out."

Some boxing people believe Ali will reconsider his retirement after his contract with his manager, Herbert Muhammad, expires in October; that way he would not have to turn over a one-third share of his boxing earnings to his manager. But now Muhammad Ali was talking about his future visits to Europe, Africa and Asia; about the July 10 world premiere of his motion picture, "Freedom Road," in Natchez, Miss.; and about his July 14 exhibition in Denver with Lyle Alzado, the Broncos 6-foot-3-inch, 250-pound all-pro defensive end who once was an amateur boxer.

"I got to be ready," the once and always champ said. "If he knocked me down, if he made me look bad, that would be terrible. Even when I'm not fightin', I'm still fightin'." ■

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ALI'S RING RECORD

1960

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 29	Tunney Hunsaker	Louisville	W 6
Dec. 27	Herb Siler	Miami Beach	KO 4

1961

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 17	Tony Esperti	Miami Beach	KO 3
Feb. 7	Jim Robinson	Miami Beach	KO 1
Feb. 21	Donnie Fleeman	Miami Beach	KO 7
April 19	Lamar Clark	Louisville	KO 2
June 26	Duke Sabedong	Las Vegas	W 10
July 22	Alonzo Johnson	Louisville	W 10
Oct. 7	Alex Miteff	Louisville	KO 6
Nov. 29	Willi Besmanoff	Louisville	KO 7

1962

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 10	Sonny Banks	New York	KO 4
Feb. 28	Don Warner	Miami Beach	KO 4
April 23	George Logan	Los Angeles	KO 4
May 19	Billy Daniels	New York	KO 7
July 20	Alejandro Lavorante	Los Angeles	KO 5
Nov. 15	Archie Moore	Los Angeles	KO 4

1963

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 24	Charlie Powell	Pittsburgh	KO 3
March 13	Doug Jones	New York	W 10
June 18	Henry Cooper	London	KO 5

1964

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 25	Sonny Liston	Miami Beach	KO 7
	Won world heavyweight title		

1965

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 25	Sonny Liston	Lewiston, Me.	KO 1
Nov. 22	Floyd Patterson	Las Vegas	KO 12

1966

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 29	George Chuvalo	Toronto	W 15
May 21	Henry Cooper	London	KO 6
Aug. 6	Brian London	London	KO 3
Sept. 10	Karl Mildenberger	Frankfurt	KO 12
Nov. 14	Cleveland Williams	Houston	KO 3

1967

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 6	Ernie Terrell	Houston	W 15
March 22	Zora Folley	New York	KO 7

1968-1969

Inactive after being stripped of title

1970

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 26	Jerry Quarry	Atlanta	KO 3
Dec. 7	Oscar Bonavena	New York	KO 15

1971

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 8	Joe Frazier	New York	L 15
	Title bout		
July 26	Jimmy Ellis	Houston	KO 12
Nov. 17	Buster Mathis	Houston	W 12
Dec. 26	Jurgen Blin	Zurich	KO 7

1972

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
April 1	Mac Foster	Tokyo	W 15
May 1	George Chuvalo	Vancouver	W 12
June 27	Jerry Quarry	Las Vegas	KO 7
July 19	Al Lewis	Dublin	KO 11
Sept. 20	Floyd Patterson	New York	KO 7
Nov. 21	Bob Foster	Stateline, Nev.	KO 8

1973

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 14	Joe Bugner	Las Vegas	W 12
March 31	Ken Norton	San Diego	L 12
Sept. 10	Ken Norton	Los Angeles	W 12
Oct. 20	Rudi Lubbers	Jakarta	W 12

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 28	Joe Frazier	New York	W 12
Oct. 30	George Foreman	Kinshasa, Zaire	KO 8
	Regained world heavyweight title		

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 24	Chuck Wepner	Cleveland	KO 15
May 16	Ron Lyle	Las Vegas	KO 11
July 1	Joe Bugner	Kuala Lumpur	W 15
Oct. 1	Joe Frazier	Manila	KO 14

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 20	Jean Pierre Coopman	San Juan	KO 5
April 30	Jimmy Young	Landover, MD.	W 15
May 24	Richard Dunn	Munich	KO 5
Sept. 28	Ken Norton	New York	W 15

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
May 16	Alfredo Evangelista	Landover, MD.	W 15
Sept. 29	Earnie Shavers	New York	W 15

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	Leon Spinks	Las Vegas	L 15
	Lost world heavyweight title		
Sept. 15	Leon Spinks	New Orleans	W 15
	Regained world heavyweight title		

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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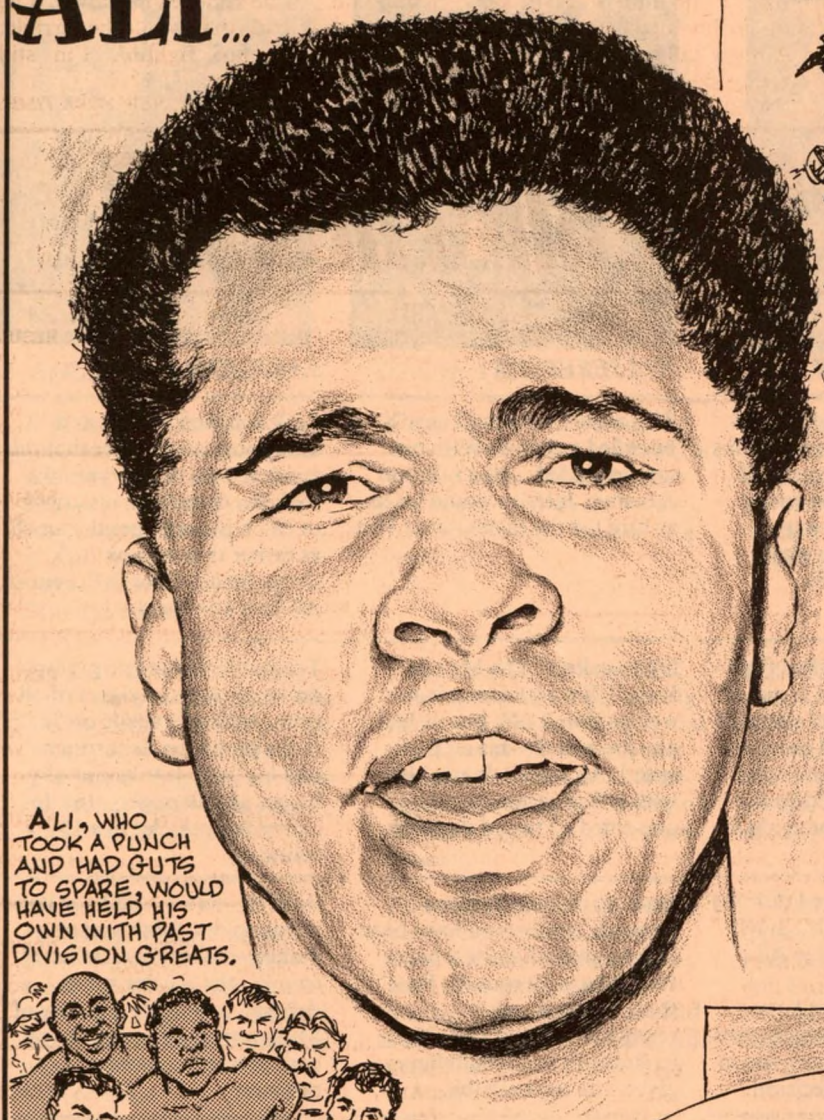

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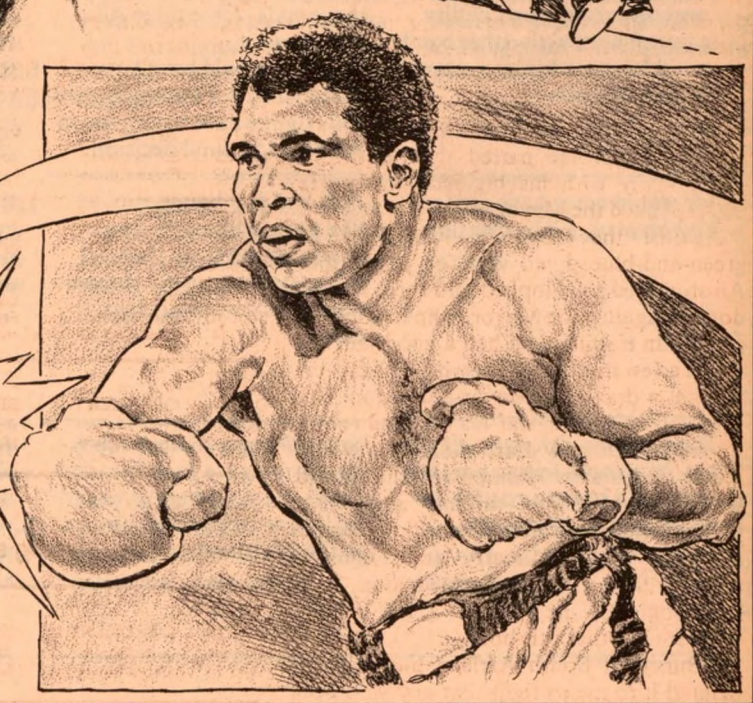

HOW ALI WOULD DO AGAINST THE ALL-TIME GREATS

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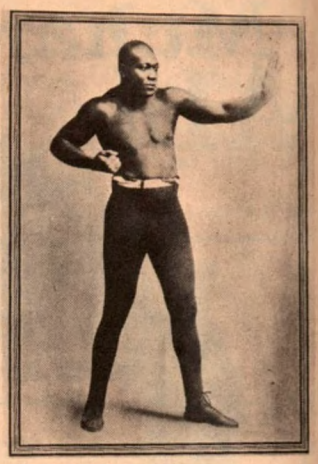


JACK JOHNSON

BERT SUGAR	The great Joe Louis always had problems with opponents who either had speed afoot or an unusual style (as witnessed by the ability of Conn, Pastor and Godoy to stay around and give him trouble). Ali by a decision.	Dempsey annihilated anyone who stood around to watch his handiwork, knocking out 25 opponents in the first round. But those who ran away always came back to play another round. Ali by decision.	This match-up would hardly be called a classic. With one arm extended, like a railroad crossing, Jeffries would be easy fare for the faster Ali in five.	Jack Johnson's fame and name obscure the fact that this great defensive heavyweight took the time from his attack to catch his opponent's punches rather than slip or duck them. So did George Foreman. Ali by a knockout.
NAT LOUBET	The Bomber by a knockout. His jolting left jabs would keep Ali off balance and set him up for the right cross. Ali never likes pressure and Joe would keep it on Ali.	Although he never liked fighting boxers, this fight is one of styles and the kind of constant pressure Jack would exert on Ali with left hooks and solid body punching would be the margin of victory for the Manassa Mauler.	Often called "The Man of Iron," Jim could take it as well as dish it out, but he had one drawback—his lack of speed. Ali would dazzle him with combinations to win a one-sided 15 round decision.	The battle of the two greatest defensive heavyweights of all time. Ali had a shade on Jack in the punching department and his body is substantially bigger and stronger—the deciding factors. Ali in a 15 rounder.
RANDY GORDON	The early rounds would have belonged to Ali, but Louis' constant pressure and ability to punch hard with either hand would have made him a winner by close decision.	I have always pictured this one as being a brutal fight, much in the style of the three Ali-Frazier wars. Dempsey would have been blistered by Ali's stinging jabs. This fight would have gone to Ali on a 15-round decision.	Because of his enormous strength, Jeff would have been able to give Ali quite a battle for perhaps 10 rounds. Past that, however, Ali's remarkable speed and ability to finish strong would have given him the decision.	Both fighters would have been trying to out-think and outmaneuver the other. After 15 rounds, the greater speed, defense, and boxing ability of Muhammad Ali would have earned him a unanimous decision.
HERB GOLDMAN	Joe would never have caught Muhammad. Ali by decision.	Jack had fast hands, moved like a cat, and would have pressured Ali from the start. Ali by decision, with Muhammad surviving some close calls.	Big Jeff's too slow. Only his tremendous strength and ruggedness would allow him to last the distance. Ali by decision.	Jack had reflexes like Ali's. A defensive master, Johnson would still be unable to cope with Muhammad's superior mobility and speed. Ali by decision.
ART REMBERT	The toughest pick right off the bat. With both fighters in their prime, I'd have to go with Ali by decision in 15 rounds.	Sorry Dempsey fans but boxers always gave Jack fits, and that's exactly what Ali would do before he knocked him out in the 9th round.	Jeffries was the most durable champion in history, but I doubt if Jim's durability would offset Ali's size, speed, and boxing ability. Ali by decision in 15.	Ali, at 6'3"-215 pounds would be too big, too strong, and too quick for Little Artha. Johnson was a great one but I pick Ali by kayo in 10.

They say "styles make fights". If so, how would the styles of Muhammad Ali fare against the styles of *Ring*'s list of the all-time great heavyweight champions. Each member of the staff of *The Ring* was asked to compare Ali with every other member on the list (excluding Joe Frazier, Number 10, whom he had already met three times) and come up with their individual insight.

The Ring's All-time Top Ten Heavyweight list follows, as do their opinions; we're sure you'll find them provocative.

ROCKY MARCIANO

Marciano was dedicated to just one thing — hitting the man in front of him. Ali's only chance would have been to stay away and stick. If Ali stays off the ropes, he survives. If not, Marciano wins.

A tough fight while it lasted, but a case of a good little man. Rocky would give Ali trouble in early rounds by being aggressive, bulling Ali, but in later rounds weight and size would tell. A knockout in 10 or 11.

Marciano's swarming, straight-ahead, mow-'em-down style was made for Ali. Muhammad would have battered and torn him to shreds before stopping him somewhere around the 13th round.

Rocky would have been conceding at least twelve inches in reach. Muhammad would have cut him up and stopped him in the thirteenth round.

Simply too small (189) and too slow to avoid being stopped by the 9th or 10th round. Can you picture someone weighing 189 lbs. beating Ali?

GENE TUNNEY

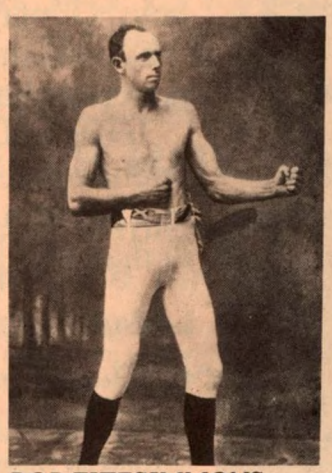
Gene Tunney was a complete fighter. His ability to adapt his style to offset his opponent's would prove more than troublesome for Ali. Tunney by a decision.

Two fast men, both excellent boxers, but Ali simply too big and too strong for Tunney and the faster of the two in every department. Not too interesting a fight, but good boxing on display with Ali in a 15 round decision.

Although Tunney could throw a greater variety of punches than Ali, none of them would have been enough to stop Muhammad, who had as solid a chin as any heavyweight. Ali would have won a fairly easy decision.

Tunney's speed and cleverness would have given Ali a tough fight before Muhammad's superiority in size got the better of Gene in the twelfth round.

Ali by kayo in 9. Ali is bigger, stronger, and more importantly faster. One of Ali's easier fights. Can you imagine a middleweight whipping Ali? One beat Tunney.



BOB FITZSIMMONS

Although "Ruby Robert" was an ageless marvel, his style would give Ali little or no problem. Ali by a knockout quicker than you could say "solar plexus."

Ruby Robert, really a middleweight, was just too small in stature and in every department to compete favorably with Ali. Height, reach, punch, the whole package—Ali any time after four.

Fitzsimmons, who stood not quite six feet tall, would have been hopelessly outclassed by Ali. Fitzsimmons would have been battered into helplessness and defeat.

Fitz might surprise Ali with a few good punches before succumbing to Ali's superior speed, size, and reflexes in round five.

Ruby Robert was 5'11"-165 lbs. Ali by kayo in 8. Being 14th on the all time champion kayo percentage list as compared to Ali's 7th place standing doesn't help either.

JIM CORBETT

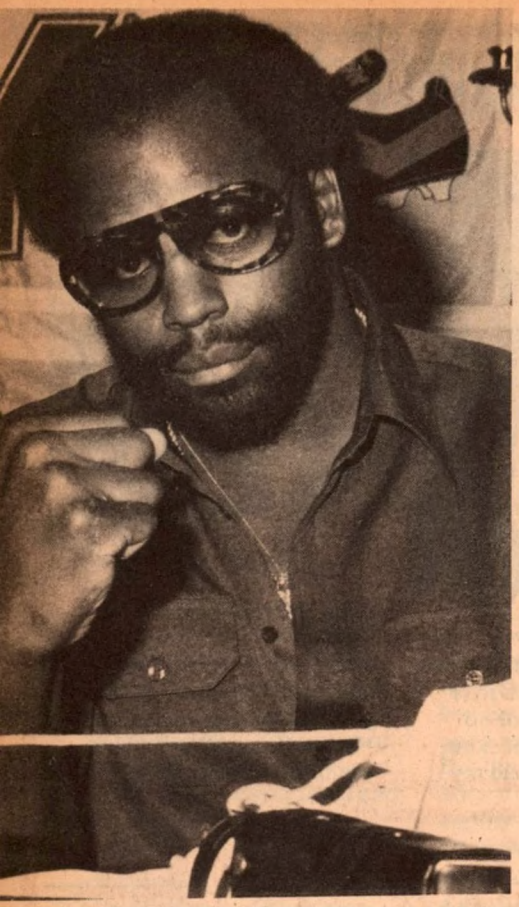
Jim Corbett was the first great stylist. Ali the latest. Much progress has been made in the "Sweet Science" in 70-plus years. Ali by a decision.

Corbett a beautiful boxer and snappy puncher for his time, but the styles have altered so that a true comparison is not really fair. Ali would outbox, outpunch and be a complete master over Corbett. No contest!

Corbett would have taken a lot of punishment before the referee mercifully halted their evening somewhere around the 12th round.

Muhammad Jim's superior in every department. Ali by kayo in three.

Like Fitzsimmons, Corbett was simply too small. He did not possess the fire power that it would take to subdue a fighter with Ali's ability. Ali by kayo in 6.



WHAT ARE 'TOO TALL' JONES' CHANCES?

BY MARC A. MATURO

ELEVEN BOXING EXPERTS GIVE THEIR OPINIONS

Ed "Too Tall" Jones, in announcing that he will leave pro football for a career in professional boxing, may be looking for a better contract with the Dallas Cowboys. Or maybe he's just looking for a fight.

Should the 6-foot-9, 29-year-old go through with his announced plans, look for Jones' name in the obits.

Jones will find that professional boxing is a sport of a different color. That's what people close to the fight game said in a random sampling. Most of them give Jones little chance at making a successful transition, especially at his age.

EARNIE SHAVERS (top-rated heavyweight contender) — "It's not that easy. He'll need three years of dedication and desire. I don't think he can do it. He'll have to work twice as hard as any young guy. If he fights the top guys he'll get destroyed in two rounds. We don't know how he'll react when he gets hit on the chin. I'd tell him to reconsider going back to football."

FRANK LUCA (Shavers' manager) — "If he only knew the work ahead of him he'd change his mind. You don't come from another sport and become a top gun just like that. If he said he'll make it in two years he's out of touch with reality."

GEORGE BENTON (former middleweight contender, now trains Jimmy Young, among others) — "He's a big guy. If he learns how to box he could be trouble because there's always an exception to the rule. But nobody realizes how tough it is until you start. My advice would be not to try and make him an overpowering fighter because of his size. It would be a challenge to me. Sure, I'd love to do it, but I'd train the devil."

GIL CLANCY (Madison Square Garden matchmaker and former manager) — "Forget about it. I don't think he'll make it. It takes yaars to become a fighter. It doesn't happen overnight."

DON DUNPHY (famed blow-by-blow fight announcer) — "I don't like it. I don't see any 6-foot-4 heavyweights going into pro football. It can't be done. He could get himself hurt. First of all, Too Tall is too tall for a fighter. He has too much body to defend."

Dunphy related how Syracuse promoter, Norman Rothschild, once offered Jimmy Brown, the great football fullback, $20,000 to try pro boxing. "That was good money then," said Dunphy. "Brown smartly turned it down. If he (Jones) started when he was 19 or 20, sure, maybe he'd have a chance. But not at the age of 28."

EDDIE FUTCH (Las Vegas trainer who handled world champion Joe Frazier) — "I think it's a mistake at his age. I've never known size to help a heavyweight. He might be the exception, but I think it's a mistake. It's too late."

RAY ARCEL (co-trainer of welterweight Roberto Duran) — "It's happened before. Others have done it, but never successfully. I don't think he has the ability. He's strong and that's very important. But boxing's a business you have to start at 10-12 years old. You can't just go in the ring and move with a heavyweight boxer and expect to be successful. Unless it's a one-shot money deal, he won't make it."

JOSE TORRES (former light heavyweight champion) — "It can be done, of course, but to me size means nothing. If he uses his head and has the will,he has a good chance. If he thinks he'll get by just because of his size, he's in for a surprise."

FLOYD PATTERSON (former heavyweight champion, now with the New York State Athletic Commission) — "If he does it in two years, like he says, I'd have to say he's the most talented person in the world, of all history. Usually, you don't even make it to the top in the amateurs in two years. I'd say his age is against him. If he's really got it, it will take five years. He may be three times stronger than his opponent, but if he doesn't have the know-how. . .

In fact, most of the guys I fought were heavier and stronger, but I still managed to win. All I can say to him is to have some amateur fights first. Have some and see where it's at. He's got to know how to use his size and, of course, no one knows how he'll react when he gets hit on the button."

CHARLEY CASERTA (former pro boxer, manager and trainer, who has developed 39 Golden Gloves champions) — "What is he going to do? He's going to get one good payday because he's Too Tall Jones, and forget about it. You know what it takes to develop a good heavyweight? I'd say it's too late and he's too old. My advice would be to grab what he can now, and go back to football. If I knew money was involved — you take him and do what you can. It's not that he's going to do anything."

JOE FRAZIER (former heavyweight champion) — "If he's got the abiliity and a good trainer, I would say yes, go to it. But he's got to make the sacrifice. Everything's got to be cut, even the food. It takes years, you know, experience comes with that, to learn how to zig and zag. If he feels he can do it, let him take the shot. ■

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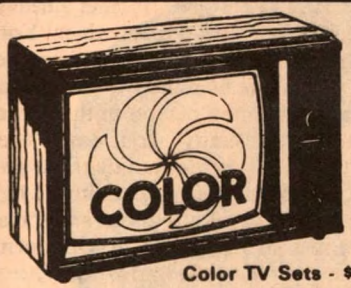

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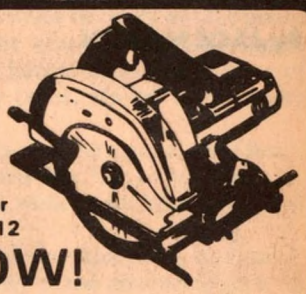

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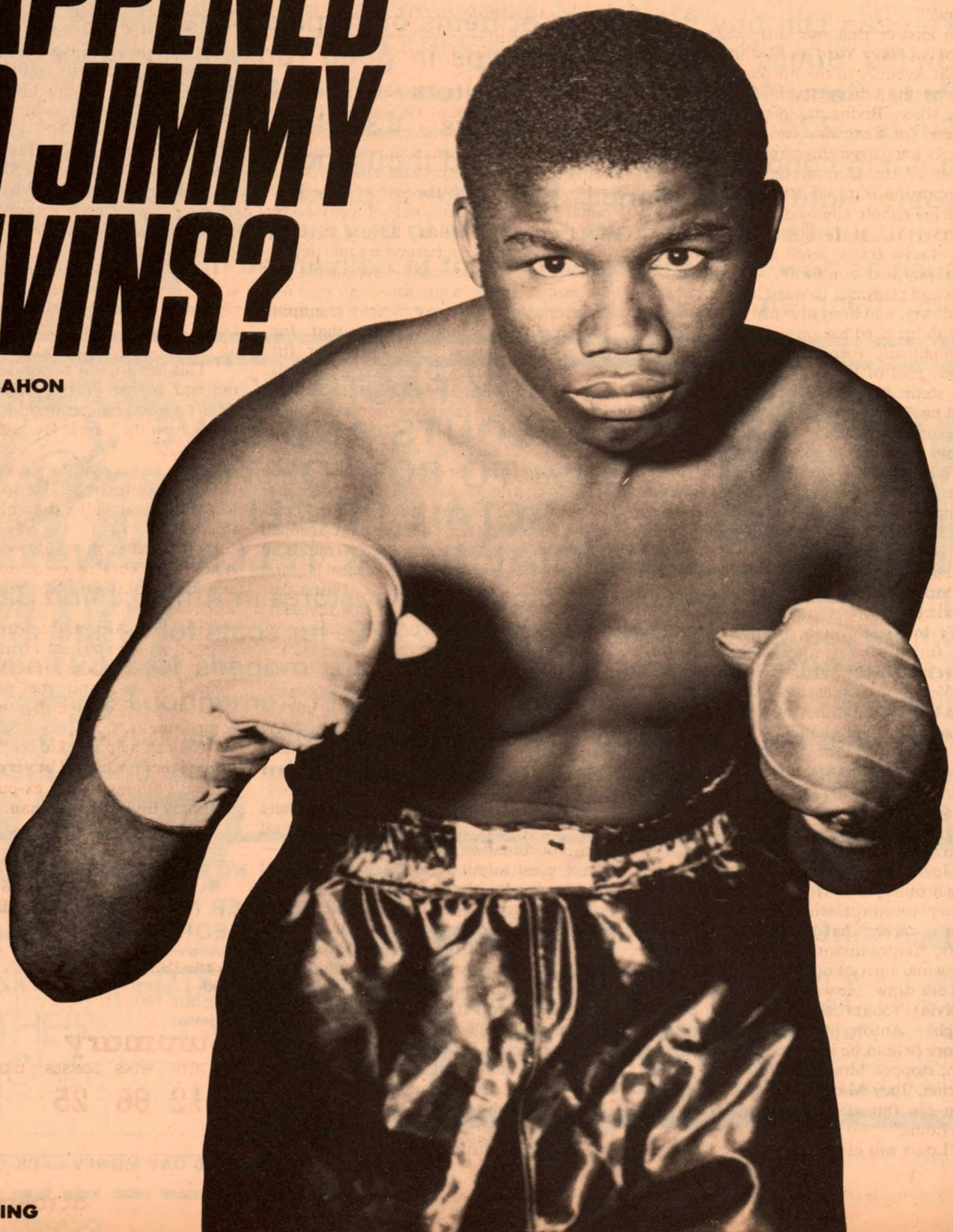
WHAT HAPPENED TO JIMMY BIVINS?

The Ring's first "Where Are They Now?" Looks at Jimmy Bivins, "Interim" heavyweight champion during Joe Louis' hitch in World War II.

By JACK MAHON



This is the age of trivia, America's latest, harmless and fascinating indoor sport, and its subjects cover anything from public events to sports figures, and the like.

Here's one you boxing buffs around the globe can have some fun with: Who was the "Duration Heavyweight Champion of the World" while Joe Louis was in service?

If you answer "Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland," go to the head of the class. Then answer this: "Whatever happened to Jimmy Bivins?"

To answer that one drop down to the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Flushing and Vanderbilt Avenues in the borough made famous, by the unforgettable Brooklyn Dodgers, where Bivins has been working as a laborer for Seatrain, Inc., builder of oil tankers and cargo ships and the largest employer of the Commerce Labor Industry Corporation, Kings (CLICK, Inc.)

Bivins hasn't changed much, physically or otherwise, since this reporter last met him almost thirty years ago. He's still in great physical condition. He still walks, talks and responds to questions about boxing slowly, and honestly, just as he fought.

With his hard hat on and his huge hands automatically forming fists as he talked, Jimmy told of his gratitude to boxing and had some interesting observations about what has happened to the "Game" since he hung up his gloves, for good, more than twenty years ago.

"While I was fighting, and ever since, I have tried to work for, and to interest, youngsters all over this country in boxing," said Jimmy. "I think there should be some sort of government-sponsored program to teach kids to box.

"Most youngsters, from my experience working with them in neighborhood gyms, don't follow through. Many of them try out, for awhile, to make it in the Golden Gloves or other amateur tournaments.

"Very few of them stick around. If they get a bloody nose, they quit. They are more interested in rock than sock. The great former Olympic runner, Jesse Owens, and former featherweight champion, Chalky Wright, got on my back when I won the Golden Gloves Featherweight title in Cleveland in 1938 and the welterweight title the following year.

"Jesse Owens told me: 'Stop this running around, boy! If you want to make any money, turn professional.'

In a career that spanned some fifteen years, Jimmy Bivins' record reads: Eighty-one wins, thirty knockouts, twenty losses, and one draw. He was stopped four times.

Bivins fought the best of them. He fought Anton Christoforidis, Archie Moore (whom he knocked out and who, in turn, stopped him), Ezzard Charles, Melio Bettina, Joey Maxim, Coley Wallace, and even the famed Brown Bomber himself, Joe Louis.

"Louis will always be the greatest in my mind," said Jimmy softly as he looked back over the years. "While Joe was in the Army they had sort of an elimination tournament to figure out who should "guard" the heavyweight title.

"Tough Tami Mauriello and myself were among the top ranked five heavies in action in 1943 and when I beat Tami a gentleman named Joe Louis climbed into the ring, put a crown on my head and said:

You're the champ while I'm gone."

"It was all a promotional stunt, nothing else," said Jimmy with a grin. "But the Cleveland papers called me the 'Duration Champ' and the name stuck till Louis got out of uniform."

Jimmy Bivins was something of an enigma. Like the little girl with the curl, "When he was good" *he might* have taken the immortal Louis. But when he was "bad" he could be upset by any "ham-and-egger."

He was one of the most underrated punchers in the game, with a most deceptive punch. Bivins didn't appear to hit his opponents hard. His paralyzers, particularly his left hook, caught his opponents and the spectators — by surprise.

Former world's heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles could vouch for that. Jimmy easily whipped Ezzard in their first meeting in January 1943, putting Charles on the floor four times in the process. He fought Ezzard four more times, losing all and being stopped by Charles in four rounds in 1947.

His inconsistent performances were also attested to in his fights with Christoforidis, whom he beat in November, and was beaten by in December, 1940. Bivins stopped the Great Archie Moore in six rounds in '45, but was kayoed by Moore in '47 and decisioned by Archie in '49. He split a pair with Joey Maxim and Bob Pastor as well.

Jimmy, with a reach of 77½ inches, was a highly dedicated workman whose trainer and managers, over the years, had trouble keeping him "out of the gym."

"Guess I always was kind of a nut on keepin' in shape," admitted Jimmy. "My first manager, "Whizbang" Carter, and I had some good arguments about me always bein' in the gym. He told me:

"You can overtrain. Go stale in a minute and you'll start seein' things and lose all your coordination. I never believed him — but I must admit I've seen what he said happen to a lot of guys since."

Getting around to the inevitable, Bivins was asked how he compared Muhammad Ali with some of the heavies of his era — and, specifically, who Jimmy would pick in a Louis vs. Ali fight?

"Ali wouldn't stand a chance with Louis in Joe's prime," said Jimmy quietly and with the candor for which he is noted. "Joe Louis had the fastest hands of any fighter who ever lived. He would have stopped Ali in three rounds.

"I think Ali is a fine champion and a clean fighter. I think he has done boxing an awful lot of good with his fists as well as his clowning and his big mouth. But with Louis, not a chance!

"I think Archie Moore and Jersey Joe Walcott would have given Ali boxing lessons. Ole Joe's zig-zag style would have confused Ali till Joe was ready to zap him. I don't think Ali would be around too long after that.

"I think even Tony Galento might have stopped Ali. Tony was very, very strong and he had a terrific punch. I think Ali would wear himself out trying to hurt Tony. When Ali tired, Galento would catch him and, I think, stop him."

Jimmy, who admits to being "21-plus," swears he doesn't know his exact age. *The Ring Record Book* lists him as being born in 1920.

He currently lives with his second wife in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn and devotes most of his spare time to training youngsters in physical education at a gym he operates with a partner in Jamaica, Queens.

Jimmy also trains a youngster, Irving Alston, an amateur welterweight who is employed as a security guard at CLICK in the Navy Yard at Wynn's Center at Tompkins and Gates Avenues, Brooklyn.

"This boy should be ready to turn pro at the end of the year," concluded Jimmy. "He's a good banger and lost but three of his first thirty bouts. He has some twenty knockouts.

"Most important, he's got a good head. He's not overanxious, like so many kids. A loss, once in a while, does him more good than harm.

"That's what most kids today can't take. A set-back. They're too anxious to get it all at once. No sweat. No pain. Life don't work like that.

"This boy, Alston, if he can keep his attitude, is going to be heard from. I will never forget what men like Jesse Owens, the late Jack Johnson, and the wonderful Joe Louis did. How hard they worked to become famous.

"If I can help any kid see this . . . try to imitate them, why, I'll be very happy."

That's Jimmy Bivins, ex-pug.

Jimmy Bivins, Gentleman. ■

JIMMY BIVINS' RING RECORD (1940-1955)

Born: 1920. **Height:** 5′ 11″. **Weight:** 170-200.

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
112	86	25	1	31

ANDY PRICE - THE LAST MAN TO BEAT CUEVAS

BY JACK THOMAS

Andy "Hawk" Price, the man who beat both Pipino Cuevas and Carlos Palomino, is known as the "uncrowned welterweight champion" by many. There are those in boxing who feel the "Hawk" will win the championship as soon as he's given a shot. Price, undefeated the past two years, has already challenged Cuevas, the WBA titlist, as well as world champ Wifred Benitez. He awaits their answers.

Now, under the astute management of Marvin Gaye, Price is back after two years of virtual inactivity.

"I will fight whoever I have to, whenever I have to, wherever I have to. There's no doubt in my mind that I can beat them all," said Price recently. "I am stronger now and hitting harder than ever in my career. My mind has mellowed. I am mentally and emotionally on a new level.

" 'The Hawk' is ready to take it all," Price concluded.

Price, an only child, was born November 4, 1953 in Los Angeles. He still lives in his original home in southcentral Los Angeles.

Young Andy was attracted to boxing at the age of ten. His neighborhood chum, Marty Monroe (the undefeated heavyweight), had started boxing and took Price along to the gym for company. Andy has been in the gym ever since.

He liked Kid Gavilan and at the age of 12 developed a good bolo in the best tradition of the famed "Cuban Hawk". He was then dubbed "The Baby Hawk." The name has since been shortened to his current nickname, "The Hawk."

After winning 58 of 63 amateur fights, he turned professional just prior to his nineteenth birthday. His professional record is now 26-5-3 with nine knockouts. Always a clever boxer, he has developed shorter, more powerful punches under the astute tutoring of trainer Walt Tyler. Price is now punching harder and with more control.

The winner of a decision over Cuevas just four weeks before Pipino won the title, Price ruefully says, "I should have gotten the title shot after defeating him. I'm still waiting for that shot. He's ducking me.

"He's out of places to run now," Price said a few days ago. "It's just a matter of time before he has to fight me. I want him in the Los Angeles Coliseum later this year."

Andy is a graduate of Fremont High

School and West Los Angeles College, where he majored in business administration. He works in the County Parole Office in Watts and has his own boxing team — the Hawk's Boys. The young bachelor also has his own clothes selling business.

When asked to discuss his philosophy of life, Price answered, "I want to use all the tools I have as a person to be successful in life but I wouldn't be happy, no matter how much success, if I could not help others, especially kids." Andy "Hawk" Price is determined to pound his way to the world's welterweight championship. ■

PRICE'S RING RECORD

1972

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 13	Gonzalo Rodriguez	San Diego	D 4
Oct. 30	Felix Alvarado	Woodland Hills	W 5
Nov. 14	Javier Martinez	Bakersfield	W 6
Dec. 4	Efren Cisneros	Woodland Hills	W 4
Dec. 13	Manny Parejo	San Diego	W 6

1973

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Tim Walker	Los Angeles	W 6
Feb. 2	Frank Davila	San Bernardino	W 6
Feb. 20	Carlos Gonzalez	Bakersfield	KO 5
April 19	Akira Fujikura	Los Angeles	KO 3
May 17	Benny Reyes	Los Angeles	D 6
June 28	Lou Blades	Los Angeles	W 6
Aug. 30	Demitrico Salazar	Los Angeles	W 6
Oct. 25	Renaldo Victoria	Los Angeles	W 6
Nov. 8	Javier Muniz	Los Angeles	D 6

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 24	Julio Lopez	Los Angeles	KO 10
Feb. 7	Rudy Barro	Los Angeles	KO by 2
Aug. 2	Carlos Palomino	San Diego	W 10
Aug. 19	Fred Jiminez	Las Vegas	KO 5
Nov. 6	David Oropeza	Las Vegas	W 10

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 23	Centavito Hernandez	Los Angeles	KO 7
Feb. 20	Eagle Sato	Los Angeles	KO 6
March 27	Ernesto Caballero	Los Angeles	W 10

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 29	Rudy Barro	Los Angeles	W 10
April 2	Jimmy Jackson	Los Angeles	W 10
June 2	Jose (Pipino) Cuevas	Los Angeles	W 10
July 30	Jose Baquedano	Los Angeles	KO by 6
Oct. 29	Julio Gomez	Los Angeles	L 10

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 29	Tony Gonzalez	Las Vegas	W 10
June 22	Harold Weston	New York	L 10
July 30	Rudy Barro	El Paso	KO 5
Sept. 29	David Green	London	L 10

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 18	Julio Gomez	Los Angeles	KO 2

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
March 16	Billy Miller	San Diego	W 10
May 15	Vicente Hernandez	Santa Monica	KO 4

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
34	26	5	3	9

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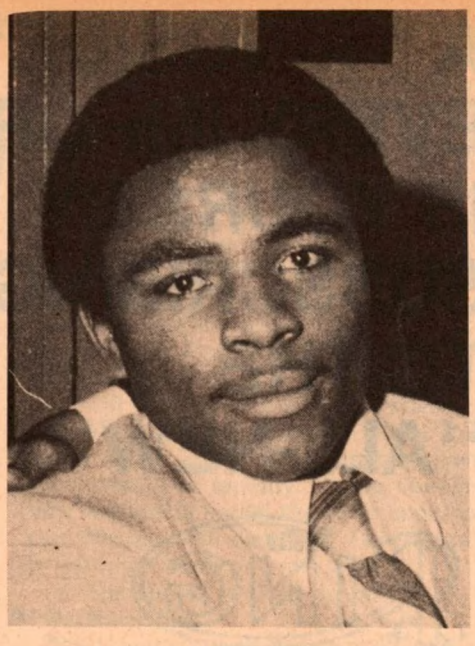


Today's world champions were yesterday's "New Faces." They were kids with a single dream. All hoped to make that dream become a reality with their fists.

Twelve years ago, one of those New Faces was a skinny, 15-year-old Panamanian. He won his first professional fight, crudely pounding his way to a four-round unanimous decision. His next four opponents all fell in the first round, at which time *The Ring* tabbed him as a future champion. The young man has gone on to surpass even The Ring's lofty predictions for him, winning 67 of 68 fights. The man's name is Roberto Duran.

Five years ago, a seventeen-year-old Puerto Rican was classified among boxing's "New Faces." His professional debut was less than conspicuous, as he fought to a six-round draw. Since that draw, this New Face of 1974 has knocked out 25 consecutive opponents, won the WBC super bantamweight title, easily defended it eight times, and has been called "The greatest fighter in the world" by many experts. The fighter is Wilfredo "Bazooka" Gomez. He was yesterday's "New Face," but today's super fighter.

In this new feature, *The Ring* will profile at least three and as many as six "New Faces" per issue. He may be just a four-round preliminary kid today, but be tomorrow's 15-round fighter—the potential superstar of the future.

There may be no finer prospect to begin this feature with than 20-year-old heavyweight **Greg Page.**

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Page was not yet two years old when a local neighbor, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., won a gold medal as a light heavyweight in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. As Page—the second oldest of four children—grew, so did his interest in boxing and Cassius Clay.

When Clay became Muhammad Ali—and world heavyweight champion in February, 1964, Page was only five, but had already begun to dance around in a child's imitation of "The Greatest." The imitation became Page's trademark as he danced and jabbed his way to 90 amateur victories in 101 amateur fights. Among Page's long list of amateur titles and honors were the Kentucky State Heavyweight Crown, which he wore from 1974 through 1978, the International Amateur Heavyweight championship (1976-1978), the National AAU Heavyweight Title (1976-1978), and a carton-full of medals won in international competition. Among Page's amateur triumphs were victories over Igor Vysotsky (who holds a knockout win over Cuba's Teofilio Stevenson) of the Soviet Union and Big John Tate.

"There is no way Page can be kept from winning the title," says flamboyant promoter Butch Lewis, who promoted Page's first fight.

With a sigh and a breath of apprehension, Lewis added, "The only thing I wish he would do is stop playing basketball. He loves the sport. Whenever Greg is not in training you can find him on the court shooting hoops. I keep telling him that playing basketball is a sure way to get hurt. You know, if a guy catches an elbow in the eye . . . Greg has too much going for him and too bright a future to risk throwing it all away on a basketball court. I think he's finally beginning to understand."

"I've been watching him since 1974, and I have never seen anyone like him. Even Muhammad Ali, at this stage of his career, was not as polished, not as good. Some fighters are quick, but have no punch. Others have a hard punch, but no speed. Page has everything. His jab will be talked about in terms of greatness. His right is quick and devastating. Opponents never see it coming. I've nicknamed him "The Louisville Rage."

Greg Page is a "New Face" who is, quite likely, a future ranking heavyweight contender, if not champion of the world. ■

PAGE'S RING RECORD

Height: 6'31/2" **Weight:** 222 pounds
Amateur Record: 90-11, 55 knockouts

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 16	Don Martin	Louisville	KO 2
June 1	Jerry McIntyre	Louisville	KO 2

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
2	2	0	0	2

When you stand 5'1 1/2" in a division where the average height is nearly 5'5", you cannot become a master boxer. Shorter arms and smaller stature mean being able to learn the art of slipping punches, moving inside and tearing a man's heart out. The small fighter in any division who does not learn his lessons well is surely destined for destruction. Nineteen-year-old **Carmelo Negron** is one small man who is learning his lessons extremely well.

Co-managed by Frank Sciacca and Jose Colon (who also trains him), Negron is a brutal puncher who "cannot stay out of the gym," according to Colon. "The kid just loves to train and work out. He runs six to eight miles every morning at five o'clock, even when he is not in training. He's a runner in the morning, and a pursuer, a killer, in the ring."

Talking to Negron, who graduated with honors from the New York City school system, one cannot believe this personable little man with the big smile is a destroyer once he laces on a pair of boxing gloves. Yet, he is.

"He is the fiercest competitor I have ever seen," says Colon. "He is the oldest of four children, and wants to take care of his family. Boxing is his way to do it, and so he makes it his life, his everything."

Among Negron's amateur titles were the New York Golden Gloves sub-novice an open bantamweight championships in 1977 and 1978. He also captured the 1978 Ohio State Bantamweight Championship.

"I don't think there is a featherweight at the same level of development," said Colon, "who can stand up to Negron. He has few, if any, weaknesses. He is as smart in the ring as he was in the classroom. He makes boxing a science, which it is, just like Wilfredo Gomez. Negron forces a man into making mistakes, then punishes him good."

Colon does not think it will take more than another year before Negron is ready for any featherweight in the world.

"He learns not only from every one of his fights," said Colon, "but from every one of his workouts. There isn't a day in the gym when he doesn't learn something. He watches fights closely and studies fighter's styles, especially the ones in his weight class. He is a true student of hhe game. There is no doubt in my mind Negron is headed straight for the top. I can honestly say I have never worked with any fighter as brilliant as him."

Carmelo Negron, a little man with high hopes and a high scholastic average, soon hopes to become an honor student in boxing's "School of Hard Knocks." ■

NEGRON'S RING RECORD

Height: 5'1½" **Weight:** 125 pounds
Amateur Record: 24-2

1978

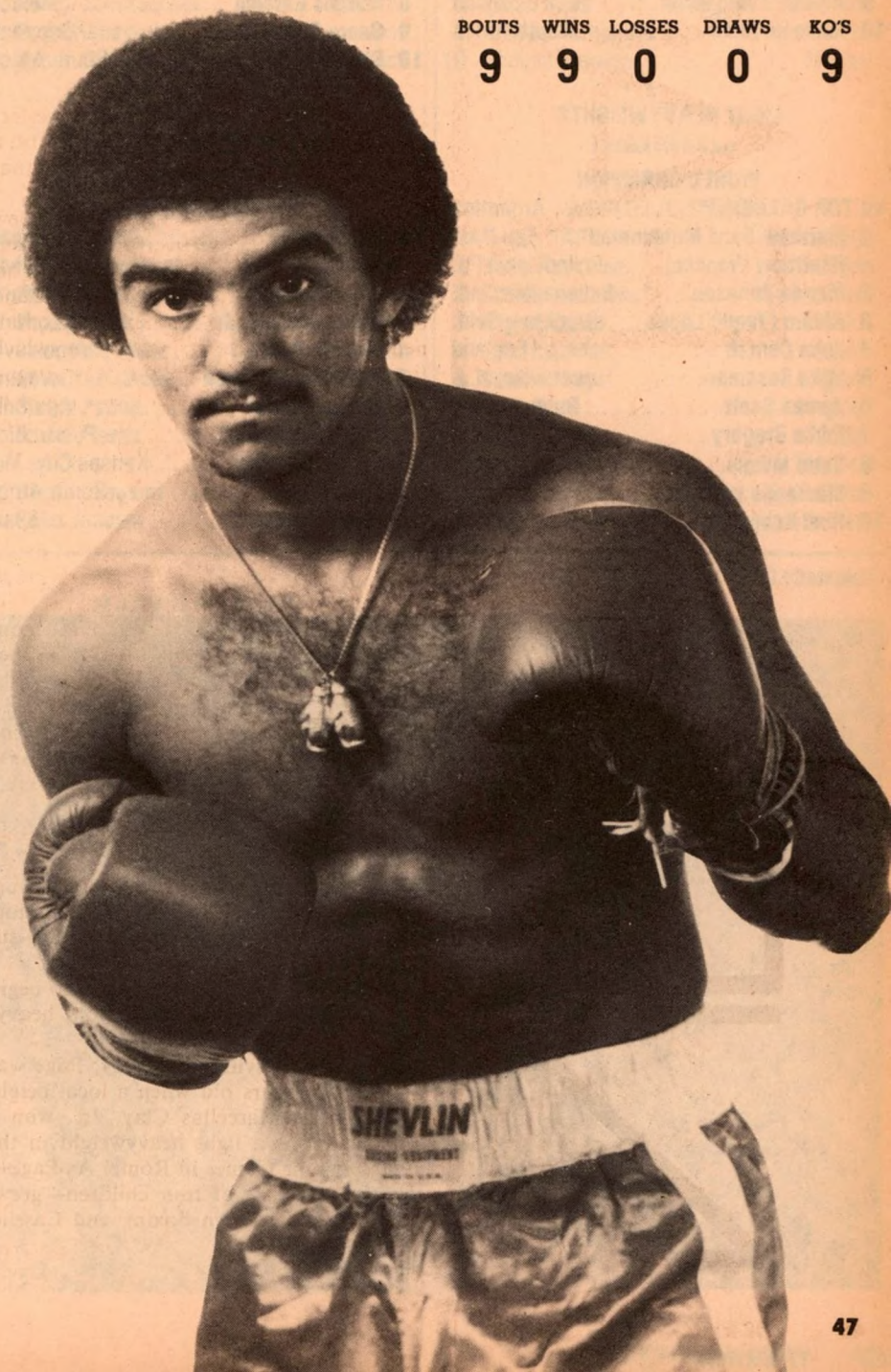
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 19	Henry Jones	New York	KO 2
Oct. 5	Tony Still	White Plains	KO 2
Nov. 30	Melvin Bethea	New York	KO 2

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 9	Glenn Guy	Philadelphia	KO 1
March 2	Felix Rodriguez	Albany	KO 2
April 6	Tomas Diaz	New York	KO 3
May 21	Bobby Everett	New York	KO 1
June 14	Marcial Santiago	New York	KO 6
June 27	Jose Luis Medrano	New York	KO 1

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
9	9	0	0	9



Attention: Matchmakers, promoters, managers and trainers. If you have a talented young prospect (not yet a ten-round fighter) in your stable who you believe should be profiled in Ring's new monthly feature, "New Faces," please enclose a glossy black and white photo of him, along with a short biographical sketch that includes his height, weight, birthday, birthplace, amateur record and titles (if any) and professional record. All professional records *must* be notorized and will be thoroughly checked by our staff.

WORLD RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

TITLE VACANT

1 Larry Holmes** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
2 Gerrie Coetzee . . . . . South Africa
3 Earnie Shavers . . . . . Warren, Ohio
4 John Tate . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
5 Lorenzo Zanon . . . . . Italy
6 Ken Norton . . . . . San Diego, Calif.
7 Mike Weaver . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8 Leroy Jones . . . . . Denver, Colo.
9 Alfredo Evangelista . . . . . Spain
10 Kallie Knoetze . . . . . South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

VICTOR GALINDEZ* . . . . . Argentina
1 Matthew Saad Muhammad** (Matthew Franklin) . . . . Philadelphia Pa.
2 Marvin Johnson . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
3 Alvâro (Yaqui) Lopez . . . Stockton, Calif.
4 John Conteh . . . . . England
5 Mike Rossman . . . . . Turnersville, N.J.
6 James Scott . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
7 Eddie Gregory . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
8 Lotte Mwale . . . . . Zambia
9 Mustapha Wassaja . . . . . Denmark
10 Rudi Koopmans . . . . . Holland

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

VITO ANTUOFERMO . . . . . Italy
1 Marvin Hagler . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
2 Hugo Corro . . . . . Argentina
3 Alan Minter . . . . . England
4 Mike Colbert . . . . . Portland, Ore.
5 Tony Sibson . . . . . England
6 Mustafa Hamsho . . . . . Syria
7 Ronnie Harris . . . . . Akron, Ohio
8 Marcos Geraldo . . . . . Mexico
9 Georg Steinherr . . . . . Germany
10 Charlie Weir . . . . . South Africa

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* . . . . . Japan
1 Ayub Kalule . . . . . Uganda
2 Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
3 Rocky Mosley, Jr . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
4 Marijan Benes . . . . . Yugoslavia
5 Frank Wissenbach . . . . . Germany
6 Rocky Mattioli . . . . . Australia
7 Angel Espada . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 Tony Chiaverini . . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
9 Gert Steyn . . . . . South Africa
10 Andoni Amana . . . . . Spain

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 Jose (Pipino) Cuevas* . . . . . Mexico
2 Ray Leonard . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
3 Roberto Duran . . . . . Panama
4 Thomas Hearns . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 Pete Ranzany . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
6 Jorgen Hansen . . . . . Denmark
7 Manuel Jimenez . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 Andy Price . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 Carlos Palomino . . . . Westminster, Calif.
10 David Green . . . . . England

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* . . . . . Colombia
1 Joe Kimpuani . . . . . Zaire
2 Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . South Korea
3 Saoul Mamby . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 Miguel Montilla . . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 Esteban DeJesus . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 Lennox Blackmoore . . . . . Guyana
7 Teo Ozuna . . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 Sean O'Grady . . . . Oklahoma City, Okla.
9 Bruce Curry . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 Sammy Ayala . . . . . San Antonio, Texas

Vito Antuofermo Fighter of the Month

Vito Antuofermo wins the honor this month for his 15-round split decision victory against Hugo Corro for the middleweight crown, the only title in boxing that is not shared by two champions. Although the fight was hardly a classic, Antuofermo earned the fight—and the honor—by applying continual pressure, wearing Corro down, and finishing strong to capture the decision.

Runner-ups are: Denmark's Jorgen Hansen, who knocked out sixth-rated Dave Green of England in the third round to claim Green's European welterweight title; Marvin Hagler, who raised his record to 44-2-1, including 36 knockouts, with an eight-round knockout of Norberto Cabrera on the undercard to Antuofermo-Corro; Sugar Ray Leonard, for his awesome performance against Tony Chiaverini, stopping him after four one-sided rounds; and Alexis Arguello, for his 11th round technical knockout of Rafael "Bazooka" Limon.

(AS OF JULY 25, 1979)

WORLD RATINGS

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Jim Watt**** . . . . . Scotland
2 **Ernesto Espana*** . . . . . Venezuela
3 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
4 **Johnny Lira** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
5 **Julio Valdez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
6 **Howard Davis** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Jorge Morales** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Vilomar Fernandez** . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Alfredo Pitalua** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Masahira Yokai** . . . . . Japan

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DANNY LOPEZ** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

1 **Eusebio Pedroza**** . . . . . Panama
2 **Reuben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
3 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
4 **Cecilio Lastra** . . . . . Spain
5 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . San Antonio, Texas
6 **Juan Malvarez** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Eddie Ndukwu** . . . . . Nigeria
8 **Hector Carrasquilla** . . . . . Panama
9 **Royal Kobayashi** . . . . . Japan
10 **Ruben Olivares** . . . . . Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JORGE LUJAN* . . . . . Panama

1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Carlos Zarate** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Alberto Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Juan F. Rodriguez** . . . . . Spain
5 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Ricardo Bennett** . . . . . Panama
8 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
9 **Andres Hernandez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Alfonso Zamora** . . . . . Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico

1 **Alexis Arguello**** . . . . . Nicaragua
2 **Frank Baltazar** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Arturo Leon** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Rodolfo Sanchez** . . . . . Spain
8 **Greg Coverson** . . . . . Columbus, Ohio
9 **Carlos Hernandez** . . . . . Spain
10 **Johnny Aba** . . . . . New Guinea

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico

1 **Ricardo Cardona*** . . . . . Colombia
2 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Phoenix, Ariz.
3 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
4 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Soon Yun Chung** . . . . . South Korea
6 **Sergio Palma** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Javier Flores** . . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah
8 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Shuchi Isogami** . . . . . Japan
10 **Baba Jiminez** . . . . . Colombia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
CHAN-HEE PARK** . . . . . South Korea

1 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
2 **Betulio Gonzalez*** . . . . . Venezuela
3 **Miguel Canto** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Guty Espadas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
6 **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles
7 **Shoji Oguma** . . . . . Japan
8 **Netrnoi Vorasingh** . . . . . Thailand
9 **Kim Sung-Jun** . . . . . South Korea
10 **Rey Melendez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.

***WBA champion ****WBC champion**

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Leon Spinks, a loser in his last two fights, and who has not won in one-and-a-half years, exits. Enter unbeaten Leroy Jones.

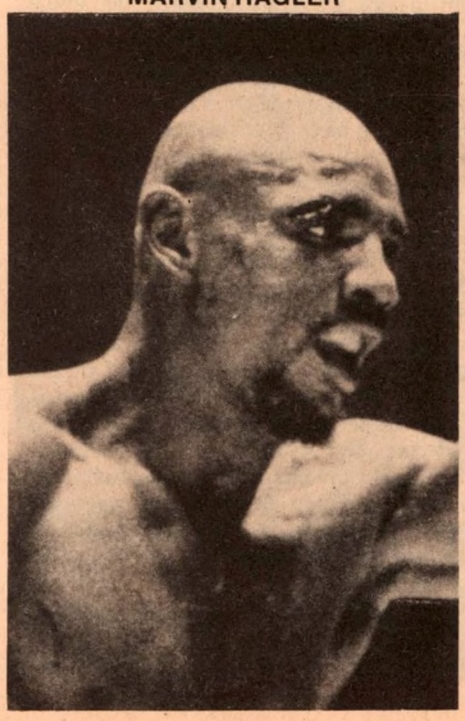
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS: Victor Galindez is now recognized as world champ. Jesse Burnett and Marvin Camel drop out and the highly active, talented, and successful trio of Eddie Gregory, Lotte Mwale, and Mustapha Wassaja move in. Mwale and Wassaja are unbeaten.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Charlie Weir drops to 10th with the announcement he has fought for the last time as a middleweight. Enter British middleweight king Tony Sibson, Exit Elijah Makhthini, who was stopped in the first round by Alfredo Cabral.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS: No changes.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Dave Green drops to 10th after being stopped by Jorgen Hansen. Hansen, the European welterweight titlist, moves to sixth. Kirkland Laing, the British champ, drops out.

MARVIN HAGLER



JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS: Blackmoore up to six; he beat Pedro Acosta. Ozuna up to seven; he decisioned Danny Daniels. O'Grady drops to eight while Curry, kayoed by Hearns, falls to nine.

LIGHTWEIGHT: No changes.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS: Limon falls to four, in back of Chacon, off his loss to Arguello.

FEATHERWEIGHTS: Olivares drops to 10th after his losing effort against WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS: Shuchi Isogami, slugger from Japan, replaces South Korea's Soo Hwan Hong.

BANTAMWEIGHTS: Alberto Sandoval drops out, making way for Panama's sensational Richie Bennett. Julio Saba falls out from 10th and inactive Alfonso Zamora drops to that slot. Julian Solis of Puerto Rico moves into the ratings.

FLYWEIGHTS: Betulio Gonzalez, with his impressive knockout of Shoji Oguma, moves ahead of Miguel Canto. Unbeaten Charlie Magri, the European flyweight boss, moves to fifth. ■

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ANTUOFERMO — CORRO
World Middleweight Title

MONTE CARLO, MONACO — Vito Antuofermo, a Brooklynite by way of Bari, Italy, is now the middleweight champion of the world by virtue of a blistering second-half-of-the-bout attack which earned him a split decision victory over former champion Hugo Corro of the Argentine.

Corro, who came out of nowhere to win the title from Rodrigo Valdes last year, appeared to have things going pretty much his way for the first half of the bout. Never a crowd pleaser, Corro was in charge and was winning the fight. He had Vito bleeding (although not seriously) from cuts around the eyes. Something that the national television audience as well as the 1500 or so fans on hand didn't realize, however, was that Corro's body was taking one helluva beating. Near the end of the ninth round, Antuofermo, who had been as steady as he was unspectacular, landed a blistering combination (all body shots) which had Corro gasping for air. Suffice it to say that only Corro's rib cage was happier to hear the bell than Hugo, as Antuofermo sensed that it was time to make his move.

Antuofermo's record of 44-3-1 indicates that he is formidable enough as it is, but starting with round ten, Vito turned meaner that a snaggled tooth wolf with lockjaw as he virtually shut Corro out down the stretch. Corro's outstanding boxing ability, coupled with his speed, kept him out of serious trouble in the early going, but it appeared as though both of his skills went to lunch when he needed them the most.

Antuofermo, whose last fight had been on November 11, 1978 was obviously beginning to tire by the twelfth round, but with victory starting to smell sweet, he reached down and found the strength to not only apply more pressure, but, more importantly, prevent Corro from taking a much needed breather. Indeed, Corro, who has never been known as a thumper (eighteen kayoes in fifty fights), had no recourse other than to fight back in order to survive.

Survive he did, as the fifteen-round split decision verdict attests to, but in the process, he did what he most certainly did not want to do. He fought Antuofermo's fight.

Antuofermo who, although born in Bari, Italy, grew up in Brooklyn — is the first New York fighter to hold a world title since former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres turned the trick back in 1965. Like Torres, and Emile Griffith before him, Vito cut his teeth on boxing in New York City.

KUDO — GONZALEZ
World Junior Middleweight Title

YOKKAICHI CITY, JAPAN — World junior middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, Japan, endured the furious attacks of Argentine challenger Manuel Gonzalez, fought back very hard, and halted him in the twelfth round before six-thousand witnesses at the City Gymnasium.

It was a rematch, Kudo having been awarded a controversial majority decision (148-147, 146-144, 146-146) over Gonzalez in Tokyo about three months ago.

Suddenly, in the middle of the tenth round, the tide turned for Kudo, who had almost been floored by Manuel's combinations.

A towel was tossed in to save Gonzalez from further punishment just after the bell sounded to begin the twelfth session. Gonzalez was staggering around without receiving any punches at the time. Kudo's desperate and effective attack in round eleven accounted for the stoppage. If there was another reason for the aggressive Argentine's loss, it was the high temperature — a la Maxim-Robinson in 1952.

Kudo, unbeaten in twenty-two previous bouts with eleven knockouts, made a good start, as he sent sharp one-twos to the face of the crouching Manuel. Masashi took the second session with his rights by a slight margin. Gonzalez seemed content to show his defensive ability by catching the straight blows thrown by Kudo. The aggressive champ nailed Gonzalez against the ropes to send him a dozen one-twos, winning the fourth round.

The skillful Manuel, with a fine record of 44-1-3, but with only eleven kayoes, scored well with short rights to the face the moment Kudo missed his long rights. The fifth was the round for Gonzalez, who also dominated the sixth and eighth sessions. Kudo attempted to lead with stinging lefts, which were cleverly averted by Manuel.

The ninth round was clearly dominated by the Argentine, who connected with short uppercuts and straight rights to the Japanese footworker, whose mobility was not as fast as it had been in the early sessions

Both were twenty-seven years of age, with similar height and physique. But, up to this stage Gonzalez's superiority in his short range rallying was obvious.

No sooner had the tenth round begun when he came forward fiercely and traded effective lefts and rights at the fading rival. Midway in the round, Gonzalez exploded a strong one-two at the face of Kudo, who would have sunk without the ropes behind him. With his back to the ropes, Kudo repeatedly absorbed Manuel's short solid rights. Gonzalez may have felt tired, for he softened his attack for awhile. Kudo threw straight blows and refused to go down. They exchanged good punches toe-to-toe, but Kudo managed to overwhelm Gonzalez with his busier hands in the last minute of the hard-fought round as Kudo's whiplash left caught the still confident-looking Gonzalez just before the bell. The effect of the punch was that Gonzalez returned to the wrong neutral corner, realized his mistake and weaved back to his own stool. He looked just like a sleep-walker, staggering and zigzagging badly. Despite Gonzalez's lead on points, his corner wisely chose a spontaneous halt by tossing in the towel.

Kudo had a very tough time keeping his title. If Gonzalez had possessed more power, Kudo would have said a farewell to his throne.

Within ninety days after this contest, according to the WBA's order, Kudo will have to defend against an unbeaten hard-hitter named Ayub Kalule, the Commonwealth middleweight champion of Uganda who has beaten three ex-title holders — Elisha Obed, Jose Duran and Miguel Castellini.

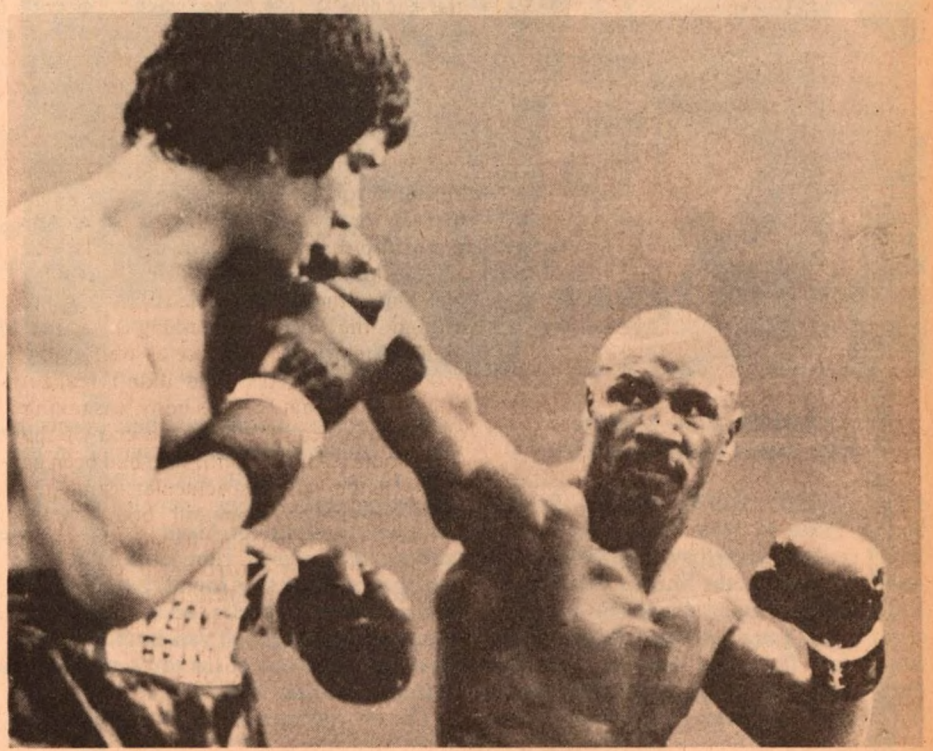
Kudo entered the ring at 153¾ pounds to 152 for Gonzalez. Prior to the halt, the time of which was only nine seconds into the twelfth round, South African referee Stanley Christodoulou scored the see-saw affair 107-106 for Kudo, Venezuelan judge Jesus Celis saw it 107-106 for Gonzalez, while the other judge, Mexico's Giullermo Bauzaa, had it even, 108-108. Yes, it was a good fight.

— Joe Y. Koizumi

HAGLER — CABRERA

Number one middleweight contender Marvin Hagler enhanced his claim to the top challenging position by smoking Norberto Cabrera of Argentina in the eighth round of a one sided semi-final to the Corro-Antuofermo bout. Hagler, who is reported to be promised first shot at the new champion, toyed with Cabrera to the point of discouragement. Indeed, Norberto who also has a victory over Corro, had to be warned about butting and rabbit punching by referee Stanley Christodoulou on a number of occasions. The crowd, which sat in a makeshift stadium beneath the castle of Prince Ranier and Princess Grace of Monaco, contained a large Argentinian contingent, yet, when the bout was stopped at 1:15 of the eighth round, they gave Marvin a standing ovation.

Be that as it may, Hagler who sat at ringside and did some color commentary, is going to have his hands full should he get a shot at Antuofermo.



ARGUELLO — LIMON
WBC Junior Lightweight Title

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — Sunday boxing came to New York City with a WBC junior lightweight title defense by Alexis Arguello at the M.S.G. Felt Forum. His opponent? Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, a durable and game southpaw from Mexico whose last fight had been a "technical draw" with Bobby Chacon at the Forum in Inglewood, California. Chacon had been winning when an accidental butt opened a cut on Limon's forehead, resulting in the TD ruling. Arguello vs. Limon? The knowledgeable boxing people laughed. Another easy kayo for Alexis.

Were they wrong! Hampered by a huge cut opened in the first round, Limon waged a war against Arguello, and although the outcome was never really in doubt, the fans were treated to one of the top action bouts in the Felt Forum' history.

The cut was opened by what looked like a left hand delivered on the ropes. Limon complained to the referee Tony Perez, claiming that it was from a butt, whereupon Arguello hit him with a shot that almost knocked him dead. Protect yourself at all times is the first rule of the sport of boxing.

The cut may well have been caused by the gloves used in the battle — gloves with stiff sleeves that look like they could peel the skin off a boxer's face. Both corners, from reports, had agreed to use the gloves before the contest, but the New York Commission might do well to ask itself if these gloves should be barred completely.

Arguello took the first two rounds with several big punches as the bangers felt each other out. The third round was even, but the man from Mexico, 129, took the fourth and fifth rounds as he got inside Arguello and sent hard "bazookas" to the head and body. Alexis, though, seemed unperturbed.

In the fifth, after another scuffle by the ropes, the blood came gushing out of Limon once again. He again complained to referee Perez, this time keeping careful watch on champ Arguello.

Alexis took every round from the sixth on except the eighth, which I had even. None of the rounds were really one-sided, as Limon just battled back whenever he seemed on the verge of succumbing to Arguello's power. It seemed only a matter of time, however, before the cut on Limon's brow would force a halt.

At 1:40 of the eleventh, Perez halted matters and examined Limon's cut. It was deep, and Tony stopped the fight, Arguello winning on a TKO.

Arguello, who had trouble making 130, said that he would make one more defense of his title before moving up and fighting as a lightweight. Alexis was world featherweight champion before winning the WBC junior lightweight diadem.

Why, you may ask, stage a WBC title fight in the small Felt Forum? ABC was televising the bout, live, and the bucks were guaranteed. It seems the only way that M.S.G. can go these days is by the graces of TV (whose love of Sunday boxing made New York repeal its old sabbath blue law), and the WBC, which once again dictated that its ten-point must system be used in place of the New York round and supplementary points. Gone are the days when New York, on its lonesome, could rule boxing.

Saoul Mamby, 144, New York, stopped Marion Thomas, 141, Indianapolis, at 2:08 of the fourth round in a scheduled ten-rounder. Wilfredo Lanza, 128½, New York, won unanimous decision over Joey Rivera, 127½, Paterson, New Jersey, eight. Renaldo Snipes, 212, White Plains, New York, won unanimous decision over Eugene Green, 230, Elizabeth, New Jersey, six. Frank "Kid" Petti, 150, New York spoiled the pro debut of Blas Deschamps, 145½, New York, with a unanimous decision, four. Pete Padilla, 139½, New York, outscored Jorge Nina, 136½, Paterson, four. Ricky Johnson, 148¼, New York, outpointed Charles Young, 155, Newark, four.

— Herbert G. Goldman

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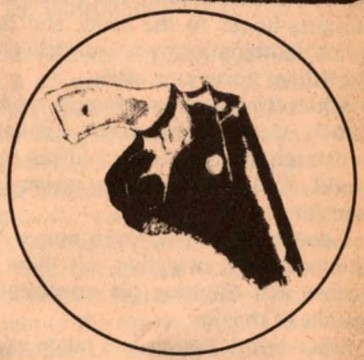

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LEONARD — CHIAVERINI

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — With lightning speed and colossal skill, Sugar Ray Leonard demolished Tony Chiaverini to the extent that Chiaverini was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round.

Their welterweight battle was the main attraction of a five-bout card at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion

The four furious rounds were all Sugar Ray's — as the Olympic Gold Medalist outboxed, outfoxed, out-ran, and out-maneuvered his opponent throughout the brief bout.

Chiaverini showed some aggression early in the first round, but Leonard's superb speed kept him away from most of the intended punches.

Chiaverini managed some action again in the fourth round, when he pinned Leonard into a neutral corner. He was, however, unable to inflict any punishment.

It was in the fourth round that Leonard opened a cut under Chiaverini's eye. He then kept working to the injured optic.

The cut was so severe, and his vision so impaired, that Chiaverini's trainer, Dave Conchola, refused to let his fighter continue. The bout was stopped by Conchola at the end of the fourth round, and Leonard was awarded a TKO.

The highly-touted Leonard was never more impressive, as he battered his opponent almost at will. His fierce left jabs, stinging hooks to the head, and lightning quick combinations were all delivered with the skill of a true ring artist.

Chiaverini's many attempts to counter-punch were futile, since Leonard was constantly on the move, and his opponent could find no standing target for his punches.

Leonard also employed some Ali-style showmanship, wiggling his hips in the corner and taunting his opponent in the middle of the ring.

Chiaverini's corner had taken many pre-fight precautions, including a demand for an eighteen-foot ring — to cut off Leonard's running space.

However, it was Leonard who cut off the ring during the action, leaving the Kansas City fighter with no place to run — and no stationery target on which to land his counter-punches.

A crowd of five hundred fans had flown from Kansas City to cheer Chiaverini, their home-town hero, but there was little to cheer about by the second round.

The battered Chiaverini admitted after the fight: "Leonard's speed was what I anticipated, but his power was much more than I expected. I got a thumb in my eye in the fourth round, and after that I couldn't see at all. I couldn't see him coming at me, so I couldn't find him to counter his punches!

"But," he concluded, "I'm not going to be idle because of this loss. I'll be fighting again in five or six weeks."

Meanwhile, the jubilant Sugar Ray Leonard recounted the reasons for his stunning victory. He beamed: "I was happy that all my strategy and conditioning payed off. My strategy was to bring the fight to him, because I figured he'd be trying to cut off the ring. And, once his eye was cut, I kept working to that damaged eye so I'd cut off his vision."

Sugar Ray went on: "People underestimate my punching power. They also underestimate my superb conditioning. I did 130 sit-ups a day and sparred about four hundred rounds to get ready for this fight!"

Leonards manager, Angelo Dundee, explained the winning strategy further: "I studied Chiaverini's style like the student that I am. And Sugar Ray studied him too, like the student that he is. Then we sat down along with our trainers, Dave Jacobs and Janks Morton; and we all put our thoughts together. And today you saw the result!

Dundee added: "Boxing is a sport that requires scientific techniques. A fighter has to use his head as well as his fists every minute he's in the ring."

Janks Morton, Leonard's trainer and confidante, offered an interesting comment as he said: "What really beat Chiaverini today was that Kansas City crowd cheering for him. That commotion got Sugar Ray so revved up that he instantly took command of the fight. Tony's people wanted a smaller ring to help their fighter, but it was Sugar Ray who made that ring smaller. Tony had no place to go. He couldn't outrun him; and he couldn't cope with him!"

The Leonard camp said that Sugar Ray will fight two tune-up bouts before he tackles champion Wilfred Benitez in December.

In a private conversation with your *Ring* reporter, the supremely confident Leonard expounded: "I'll be welterweight champion by the end of this year. That title will be my Christmas present!"

Roger Leonard won unanimous decision over Wayne Beale, San Diego, eight middleweights. James Waire, Los Angeles, won unanimous decision over Keith Broom, Washington, D.C., middleweights. Carlos Herrera, Argentina, kayoed Henry Walker in 2:56 of the sixth, middleweights. Eddie Wilson, 204, Los Angeles, won unanimous decision over Roger Braxton, 203, Los Angeles, five.

— Shirley Norman

HEARNS — CURRY

DETROIT, MICH. — Bruce Curry, one of the top junior welterweights, met disaster when he tried to mix punches with Tommy Hearns, one of the hardest hitters in the welterweight division. Tommy suffered a bad cut above the eyelid (from a butt, he claimed), but came roaring back to kayo Curry in the third round.

The fight was fairly even in the first two rounds, with Curry working to the body and sending home left hooks to the head and Hearns using his left jab and hitting Bruce with a strong right in the first session.

Midway in the third, Hearns, his face streaked with blood, caught Bruce on the ropes and put him down with a quick combination. ("I caught him with a shot to the kidney," Hearns said later.) Bruce was up in time and tried to hold, but Tommy caught him with a right hand uppercut and knocked him out. Referee Arthur Mercante counted Curry out with one second remaining in the round.

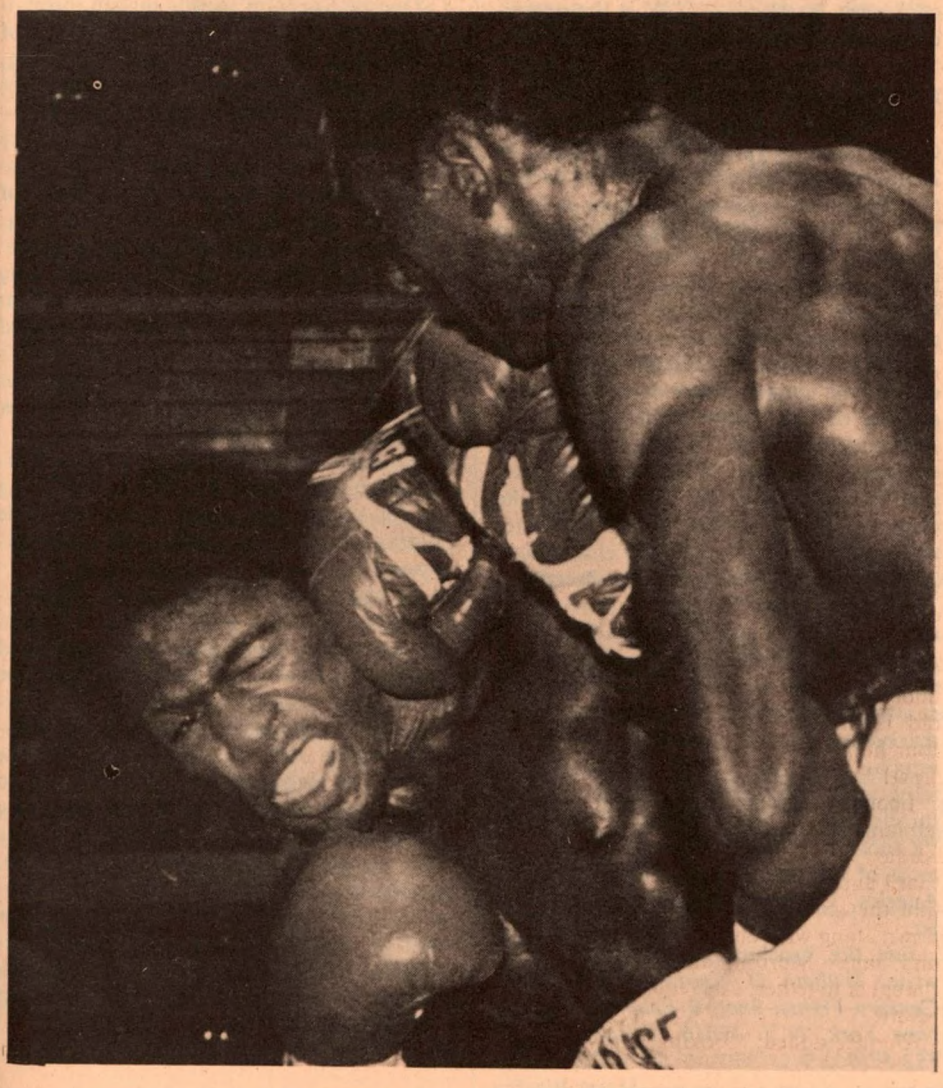
This was the last boxing card held in Detroit's famed Olympia Stadium, one of the most well loved boxing arenas in the country. 10,421 were in attendance.

It was Tommy's twentieth straight victory, his nineteenth kayo. Curry's record is now 20-5, his losses coming against Wilfred Benitez (twice), Domingo Ayala, Adolph Viruet, and Hearns.

Hearns must now be thinking about title possibilities. However, with the top men in the division deadlocked, and with such skilled boxers as Benitez and Leonard and such tremendous punchers as Cuevas and Duran, Tommy's position seems a bit tenuous. His handlers seem to have adopted a "cool" policy regarding the top welters, and they can't be blamed for that.

As for Bruce, it's back to the 140-pounders. His fights with the top welterweights have ended rather badly, and it's about time he concentrated on the junior welterweight division.

Hilmer Kenty outpointed Arturo Leon in the ten-round co-feature, lightweights. Benny Ray Trusel decisioned Earl Stringer, four, junior welters. Dujuan Johnson kayoed Larry Morgan, one, junior welters. Danny Jones made his pro debut by winning a unanimous four-round decision over Kevin Abney.



PEDROZA-OLIVARES
WBA Featherweight Title

HOUSTON, TEXAS — One of the saddest things in covering the boxing beat is to see a once great fighter try for that last hurrah and come up short. Such was the case when Ruben Olivares — a four-time world title holder — was thoroughly trounced by Eusebio Pedroza in a defense of Pedroza's WBA featherweight title.

The bout started off slowly with the taller Pedroza circling and Ruben trying to force his way inside. By the middle of the second round, however, Pedroza had begun to find the mark with his left jab and with short, quick rights to Olivares' head. Most of the ringside observers knew at this point that the only way the ex-champ could win was through a knockout — and that stopping Pedroza was highly unlikely for Ruben at this stage of his career.

Action continued in much the same manner throughout the rest of the bout. Olivares, 125¾, would attempt to pressure Pedroza, only to be met time and time again with a barrage of punches from the lanky Panamanian champion. As early as the fifth round, Olivares was bleeding from the nose and swelling around the eyes, and when the gutty Mexican did manage to corner Eusebio he could do very little damage.

The curtain came down on Olivares at the 1:32 mark of the twelfth round when he went down in mid-ring from an accumulation of punishment.

CARRASQUILLA-CASTILLO

In a scheduled ten-round semi-final to the Pedroza-Olivares contest, U.S. featherweight kingpin Reuben Castillo, 127, of Bakersfield, California, halted the #7 ranked featherweight, Hector Carrasquilla of Panama, in the third round. This was a real barn-burner, which had the fans on their feet from start to finish. Castillo landed virtually at will with his left hook, but was sent to the canvas himself in the opening seconds of the third round when the 129½-lb. Panamanian landed a straight right hand. Castillo arose and continued his hooking attack, with one of his shots doing severe damage to the inside of Carrasquilla's mouth. Hector was bleeding profusely and in considerable pain when referee Mark Tessman tentatively halted the proceedings.

The end came with a disputed knockdown of Carrasquilla while he was putting back his mouthpiece.

Jorge Zuniga, Houston, kayoed Victor Arguello, San Antonio, two, featherweights. "Kid Whitey" McCullum, Houston, TKO'd Marcus Dorsey, Port Arthur, two, middleweights. Juan Venegas, Houston, stopped Jose Soto, Houston, five, junior lightweights. Gustavo Martinez, Reynosa, Mexico, won unanimous decision over Calvin Sheppard, Port Arthur, ten, bantamweights. Juan Escobar, Tiajuana, kayoed Jose Munoz, Fresno, 0:45 of first, junior lights.

—C.A. Jackson

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

Had a letter from the former heavyweight from Brooklyn, N.Y. known as TED "PEPSI DEAN" KAKUK, now residing at 17024 Brookport, Covina, California 91722. Sends best wishes to his old pal former two-time heavyweight champion FLOYD PATTERSON, whom he often sparred with. After quitting boxing, TED moved to sunny California and started a boxing school 13-years ago . . . Another ex-boxers club is The Sportsmans Club, P.O. Box 1011, Alexandria, Virginia 22313. Chairman is JULIAN WHITESTONE and his co-chairman is BOBBY SCHWARZ. They have boxing shows at the Old Dominion Boat Club regularly where old-time fighters delight in working amongst the resin, the gloves and working as seconds. Boxing committee members CHARLIE HABRON, PODGY THOMAS, FRED JACKSON, CHARLIE REYNOLDS, NELSON HOWARD, and NAAMAN MASSEY are doing their best to keep boxing alive in the Alexandria, Virginia, area. Ex-boxers in the city would be more than welcomed to join . . . Former world middleweight champion Rocky GRAZIANO — when at reformatory became interested in art. He eventually took up painting at his training camps. His excellent reproductions of Picasso, which he painted twenty-nine years ago, were a subject on the national ABC-TV STANLEY SEIGEL SHOW. Also many magazines and newspapers — including the prestigious New York Times had feature articles on ROCKY's prowess as an artist. "These paintings are not for sale — I'm very rich and don't need the money," the great former champion told me. ROCKY's paintings were part of an exhibition for a fundraising drive in a leading Manhattan Art Gallery on behalf of ghetto children in Harlem. ROCKY resides in a luxury building at 300 East 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022 . . . Two former world champions who reside in Phoenix, Arizona, are LOU AMBERS, known as "The Herkimer Hurricane," born Nov. 8, 1913 at Herkimer, New York. His manager was the great AL WEILL. This great lightweight had 102 bouts. He won the title beating TONY CANZONERI, in New York, Sept. 3, 1936. He won a return against CANZONERI for the title May 7, 1937. On August 17, 1938, LOU AMBERS lost his title to HENRY ARMSTRONG over fifteen-rounds in New York City. In a return bout with ARMSTRONG, on August 22, 1939, at New York City, LOU regained his title. On May 10, 1940, AMBERS lost his title to LEW JENKINS. In 1942 LOU joined the United States Coast Guard and served his country with distinction. He was elected to the Hall of fame in 1964. LOU is extremely well liked by all who know him and he is active with church and charity organizations. He resides at: 4235 North 16th Avenue, Phoenix. And TONY DeMARCO, born January 14, 1932. His manager was BOBBY AGRIPPINO. Started boxing professionally in 1948, with total bouts being 71, and an impressive thirty-three k.o. wins. He won the world welterweight title from JOHNNY SAXTON, by a fourteenth-round K.O. at Boston Mass., April 1st, 1955. He lost the title when CARMEN BASILIO knocked him out in twelve-rounds, and BASILIO repeated the twelve-round KO win in a return — November 30, 1955. TONY retired on March 1st, 1962. TONY is the owner-operator of a smart restaurant in Phoenix, "The Living Room," and it's well patronized.

JIMMY McCARRON, former Olympic Games boxer, a very respected referee for 25-years has been named to the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission, by ex-Governor MICHAEL DUKAKIS. He replaced MANNY ARONIS, former top-ranked North-Eastern boxer. WALTER BYARD, is the new chairman of the Commission, the first black appointed in Massachusetts . . . WILLIAM D. CAYTON, is the President of the company that owns the largest number of fight films in the world. "Big Fights Incorporated," is the apt title of the company. Recently, WILLIAM told me, that he has updated the "Big Fights of the Century," and the new title of the series with many new current world champions, is titled, "The Big Fights of the Decades." The brochure that his company sent out is a real knockout — and that's the name given to a show, "KNOCKOUT" sponsored by Gillette — the shaving equipment and razor company. Gillette of Mexico puts out the boxing show — that is picked up by satellite on the eleven Spanish International Network television stations throughout the United States: "Knockout," will be featured on T.V. in most of the major cities, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, San Antonio, etc.

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—Harry Warren

CARDONA — CHUNG
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA — WBA junior featherweight champion Ricardo Cardona came in for a rematch with Soon-Hyon Chung, whom he had beaten by a very controversial split decision in fifteen heats last November.

There were no knockdowns in the rematch, which was as close as their first encounter. The Venezuelan-based Colombian champ was awarded a hairline but unanimous verdict after fifteen hard-fought rounds before seven thousand partisan fans at Changchung Gymnasium. Luckily, a furious riot did not occur again, as it had with bottles and chairs thrown into the ring to protest the official nod against Chung, at the finish of their first fight.

Chung, the hard-hitting OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champ, entered the ring at 121¾ pounds, a bit heavier than Cardona's 120½. The defending titlist was the taller boxer, standing 5'8" to 5'6" for Chung.

Despite Cardona's seven month inactivity, he looked sharp and made good use of his vaunted left jabs at the start. Chung, two years his junior at 25, was so cautious that he seldom tossed any leading lefts — just covered himself up. Cardona, a lanky upright stylist with a record of 22-4-3, including thirteen kayoes, threw plenty of lefts and rights at the crouching Chung, winning the third round by a slight margin.

The fourth round saw Cardona moving rhythmically and tossing sharp but light lefts, while the Korean challenger landed two solid one-two combos to the champ's neck. This also was Cardona's round, but he suffered a small gash at the left eyebrow from an accidental butt.

Round five saw the same pattern, as Cardona kept jabbing and trying to set Chung up for his specialty, right uppercuts, while Chung threw strong rights on a few occasions.

In round six, Chung became a little aggressive and threw left jabs at the face of the champion, who stopped punching and studied his rival's mobility for awhile. The seventh session was dominated by Cardona, who sent good uppercuts to the peek-aboo stylist, Chung, who bled from the nose. The eighth was nearly even. Up to this stage, your reporter repented at having flown to Korea, because it seemed as easy and monotonous defense by Cardona, maybe by a decision due to his lack of convincing power. However, Chung, a slow starter, commenced fighting. With Cardona's footwork fading a little, Chung caught his taller opponent with smashing rights to win the ninth round.

The tenth was taken by Cardona by a slight margin as he responded with some uppercuts to prevent the Korean from boring in. After the bell ending round ten, a disgraceful scene was witnessed by the crowd. Chung's second, Jun-Ho Kim, walked close to the referee from South Africa, Stanley Christodoulou, and threatened him with his scissors so that he would warn Cardona for his dirty infighting (Your reporter did not think Cardona had been fighting dirty).

Kim then turned to the champion's corner in an attempt to scare Cardona's people with the scissors. The third man, Stanley, cool and courageous, finished his scoring of the previous round and ordered the timekeeper to stop the next session from beginning and ordered Kim out of the ring. Immediately, the police carried him away from the arena. What a handicap it was for Chung to lose his pilot!

Nevertheless, the Korean hope mounted a furious attack from the eleventh round on. Cardona kept dancing to maintain his points lead, but Chung chased him with jolting rights. With more precision in his strong punches, Chung could have hurt the champ more effectively. But Cardona utilized his long arms, as well as his body-moving, to grab the aggressive challenger.

Chung was the obvious aggressor in four rounds out of the last five. His fireworks, however, came a bit too late to overcome the deficit of the points he had lost in the earlier proceedings. In the fifteenth round, the fighters were so exhausted that they could not trade solid punches and repeated clinching time and again.

The official scoresheets were as follows: refeeree Christodoulou 146-145, judges Jesus Celis of Venezuela and Panamanian Rodolfo Hill both 146-144, all in favor of the defending champ. The champ reportedly received about 110,000 dollars compared to Chung's no more than ten thousand, according to the promoter, Ho-Yung Chung.

Chung's manager, Sung-Chol Choe, disappointedly said, "Chung fought his best bout. After the fight, we expected his hand to be raised, but in vain. Yes, it was a very close bout."

Ramiro Machad, the manager of Cardona, delightfully reflected on the close affair. "Chung fought well, indeed. But it was not enough to win the title."

Cardona is scheduled to meet Japanese ex-Olympian hope Yukio Segawa in Aomori, Nippon, in his next defense this fall.

In the semi-final ten, Korea's top junior featherweight contender, Sa-Wang Kim, demolished Juan Mayolas, Cardona's sparring partner, with a vicious left shot in the eighth round.

—Joe Y. Koizumi

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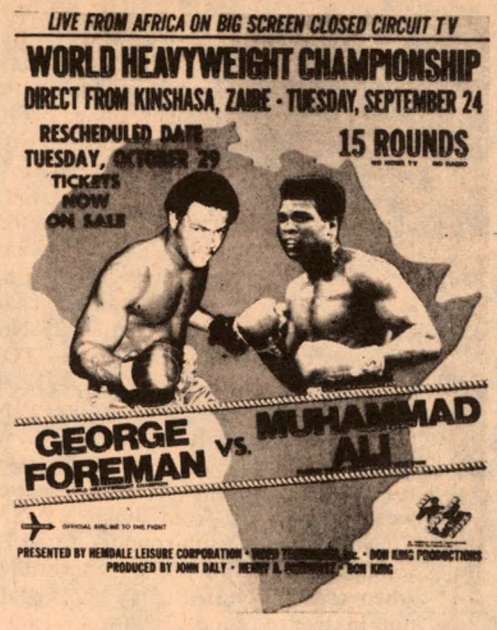

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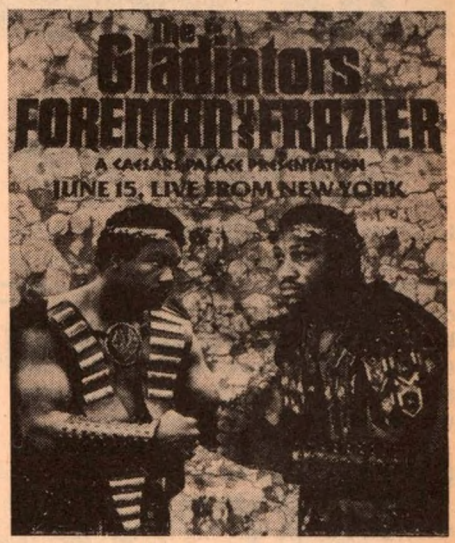

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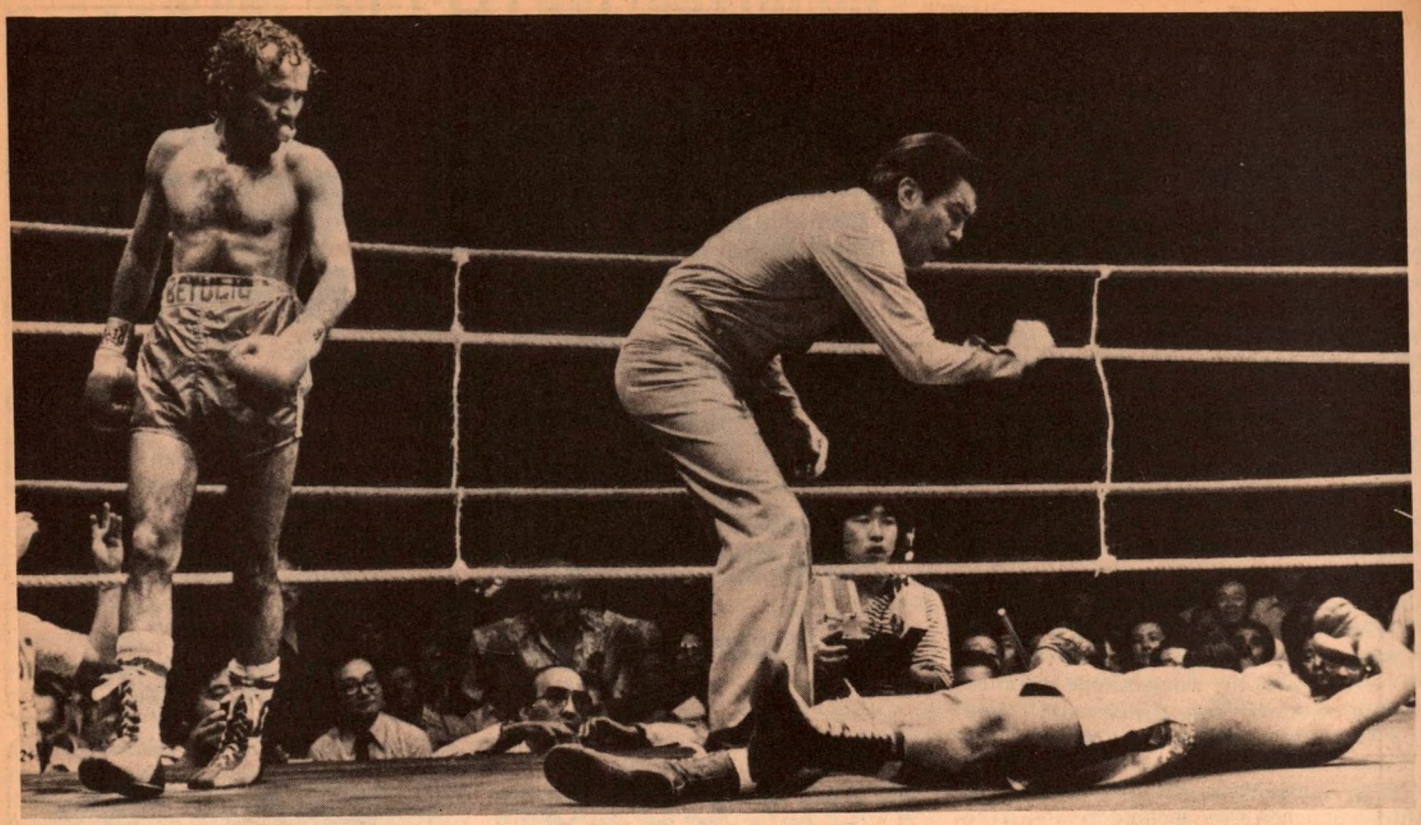

GONZALEZ — OGUMA
WBA Flyweight Title

UTSUNOMIYA CITY, JAPAN — WBA flyweight champion Betulio Gonzalez of Venezuela was hard pressed by Japanese challenger Shoji Oguma's aggressiveness, but scored a surprising knockout in the twelfth round to retain the crown. The bout took place in Tochigi Prefectural Gymnasium, about eighty miles from Tokyo.

It was a one-punch kayo that some eight thousand witnesses did not see.

It was the fourth encounter of Gonzalez and Oguma. The Japanese southpaw wrested the WBC title from the Venezuelan in October, 1974, after the former lost a majority ten-round decision in a non-title bout some four months before. Oguma, in his first defense, lost the crown to Mexican speedster Miguel Canto in January, 1975.Meanwhile, ex-champ Gonzalez had gained the WBA flyweight throne via a fifteen-round close decision over Guty Espada.

Gonzalez and Oguma fought in Japan last January, when the latter seemed an obvious winner after fifteen hard-fought rounds, though the official verdict was a split draw. After the WBA headquarters' review of the controversial judgment, a rematch was unanimously sanctioned. Oguma, twenty-seven years of age, entered the ring at 112 pounds, the limit of the flyweight class, to 111¾ for Gonzalez, two years his senior. The lefty challenger, two inches taller at 5'4", displayed his superior power by tossing solid punches to the face and body, winning the first round. However, Oguma suffered a slight cut over the left eyebrow. In order not to make the gash bigger, Oguma attempted to keep his distance and avoided mixing with Gonzalez. The second session was even.

The third round was taken by Oguma, who connected with body punches and repeatedly nailed the champ against the ropes. Gonzalez, in his fourteenth title bout, had done nothing up to this stage. In round four, the shorter champ commenced a counterpunching attack with straight rights. Gonzalez's round.

The fifth was even again, as each averted his rival's sharp combinations. Oguma clearly dominated the sixth and seventh rounds, when he turned loose with body bombardments, followed by straight lefts to the face. The veteran Gonzalez kept retreating and sidestepping. Oguma should have thrown his punches with more precision. The eighth session was fought on even terms. Oguma scored with good straight lefts, while Gonzalez retaliated with short counterpunches to the face. The Venezuelan champ looked a little better in round nine. He threw sharp lefts and rights.

The tenth round saw Oguma become very aggressive after his well-timed left almost toppled the champion. The Japanese' follow-up was harsh enough, but not so effective, because Gonzalez grabbed the desperate challenger's arms. In round eleven, Oguma continued to throw speedy one-twos to the moving Gonzalez, who occasionally fought back with short rights to the face. It was an even round.

Midway in the twelfth session, the Nipponese lefty stopped his footwork with his back near the ropes after having averted Gonzalez's light lefts. Then, a short crisp right caught the chin of Oguma, who fell face first onto the canvas.

Rolling over the deck, Oguma pulled himself up, but was still wobbling, and the Mexican referee, Ernest O. Managa, finished tolling the fatal ten. The time was 1:22.

It was Gonzalez's third successful defense as well as his sixty-eighth win and forty-fifth kayo against seven defeats and three draws.

The victorious Venezuelan said, "Oguma was a game, hard-hitting challenger. I will never forget this fight in my life."

The dejected Oguma was unable to remember what happened for awhile, but regretted his carelessness. "I thought I was winning the title. I was in the best shape, but the right shot was invisible . . ."

We cannot but praise Gonzalez's ringcraft, although he looked past his peak as far as speed is concerned. Reportedly, he got about a hundred thousand dollars .

In the semi-final ten, middleweight Minoru Ono, 161¼, demolished Nessie Horiguchi, 162¾, in the fifth round.

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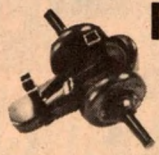

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Jack Root, first of the light heavyweight champions (1903).

The immortal Bob Fitzsimmons was forty when he won the title from Gardner.

George Gardner, second king of the division, was called "a tough son of a gun" by Root, the man he conquered.

1903

The light heavyweight division is born—and dies of neglect

1905

TRACING A DIVISION'S ROOTS

THE HISTORY OF THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

By Herbert G. Goldman

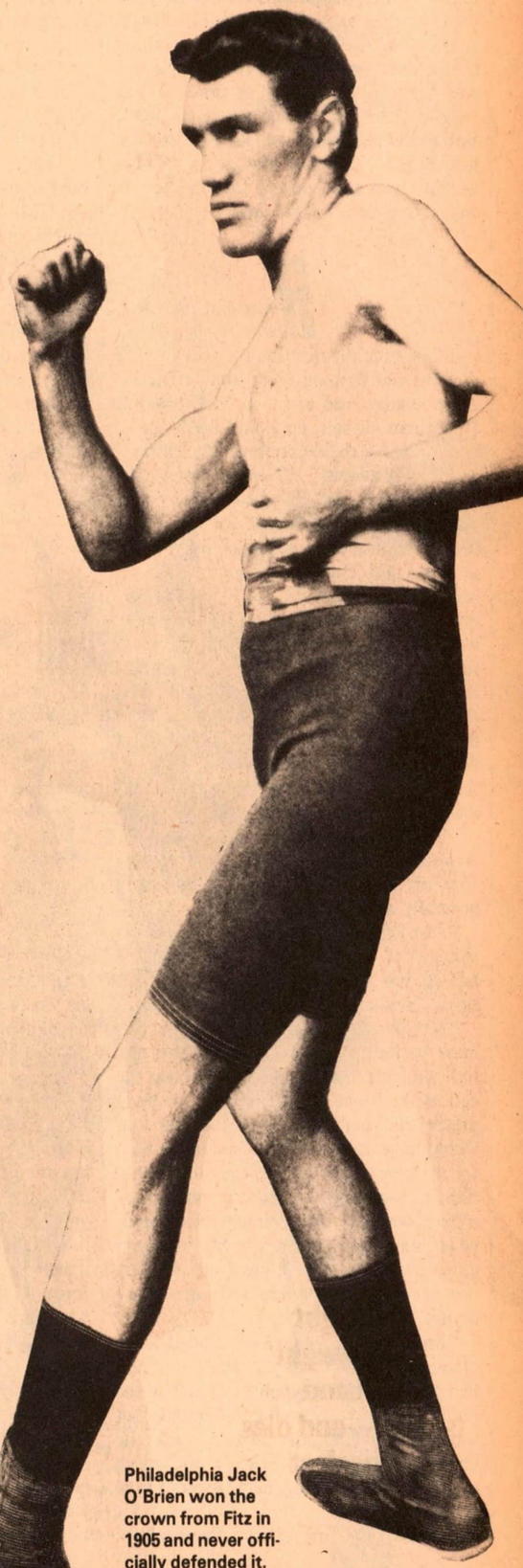
The light heavyweight division — called "synthetic" or "artificial" by many boxing historians — traces its origins to a specific time and to a specific individual who "invented" the division for his own purposes, Lou Houseman in 1902.

Houseman was sports editor of *the Chicago Inter-Ocean*, and, since the Windy City was an important boxing center, he had considerable influence on boxing.

According to a legend, Houseman, who managed Jack Root, a great 165-pound fighter of the period, got the idea for the division when Root tangled with tough George Gardner in San Francisco on January 31, 1902. World heavyweight champ James J. Jeffries was at ringside, and, observing Root and Gardner, said "they're too big for middleweights, but I wouldn't put them in with heavies. They're sort of what you might call light heavyweights."

The observation was, apparently, not lost to Houseman, who, besides being a sportswriter and manager, was also a promoter. Why not make his fighter, Root, a champion by matching him with someone with a reputation for the "light heavyweight championship of the world?" Such a title bout might bring in many dollars, and might make even more money for Root (read Houseman) if Jack won the championship.

Root won that San Francisco bout with Gardner on a foul in the seventh round. Houseman thought of claiming the light heavyweight "title" for his fighter as a result of that victory, but soon changed his mind. A bout won on a foul was not a very good way of launching a new weight class — or a new champion. Besides, it would be better if he beat the durm along the fistic highways for the creation of a "light heavyweight" division before he had Root



Philadelphia Jack O'Brien won the crown from Fitz in 1905 and never officially defended it.

claim it.

And so, Houseman started writing for the creation of a "badly needed" division between the middleweights, then classed at 158 pounds, and the heavyweights. To the modern fan, the need for such a class is evident, yet the boxing fraternity of that earlier era were, to a large extent, of the opinion that a man who weighed 160-odd pounds was big enough to beat a man of any weight. After all, so the reasoning went, Bob Fitzsimmons had won the heavyweight title at 167, and Kid McCoy, a middleweight, was also among the top heavyweight contenders of the time.

Houseman, however, was persistent. He could point to the fact that the heavyweight division was dominated by Jim Jeffries, a 215-pounder. And as far as McCoy went, Houseman thought he would make a fine contestant for the championship of the new and "badly needed" 175-pound division.

Accordingly, he matched McCoy and Root in a ten-round bout for the "light heavyweight championship of the world" at the Light Guard Armory in Detroit, Michigan, on April 22, 1903. McCoy had been one of the most feared fighters in the world for years, and many fighters — up to and including heavyweights — refused to fight him. Houseman, though, now saw that the Kid was on the downgrade, ready to be taken at the age of twenty-nine after a dozen years of hard fights. And, his man, Jack Root, proved Houseman right by taking McCoy — easily.

"McCoy never had a chance," said the Associated Press. "Root landed at will with left and right to face and body and generally without a return.

"The first round opened with light exchanges of lefts to body. McCoy landed left to jaw and cleverly duced a vicious swing. No damage was done.

"McCoy started the second with a left hook to the jaw, a right to the head and right and left to neck and mouth. Near the end of the round Root landed a low body punch that sent McCoy to the mat and would have ended the bout had it not been for the gong. Root opened the third with a right to the back of the head and McCoy went down and took the count. Root landed left and right to the body, McCoy again going down and taking the count. McCoy was very groggy and was holding to save himself.

"From this time on, Root landed as he pleased. McCoy's blows lacked steam and he appeared to be content with staying the limit. He braced somewhat in the sixth, but was never dangerous. McCoy took the count in the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds and, by holding, managed to stay to the end."

So ended the first official "world light heavyweight title bout" in boxing history. Root was acclaimed champion of the new division by referee Bat Masterson.

However, although Root was now champion, he did not remain champion for long. George Gardner who had knocked Root out in seventeen rounds before the McCoy bout, now challenged him again. The two met at the Internatonal Athletic Club in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, on July 4, 1903, ten weeks after Root's defeat of McCoy.

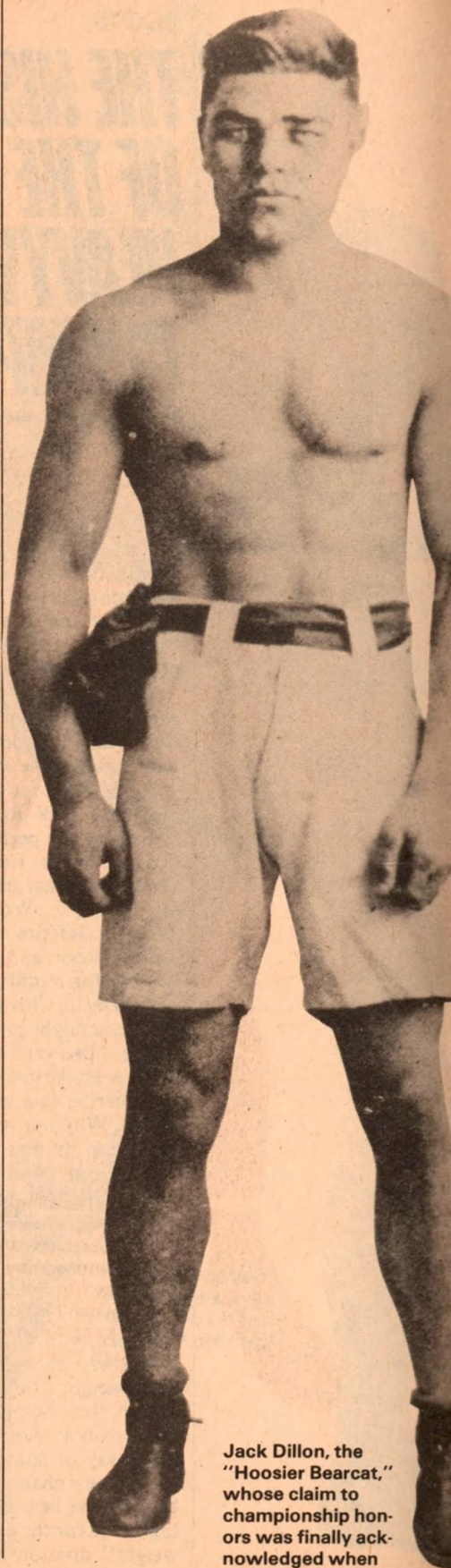
"There was no time during the twelve busy rounds before Root went down to defeat that the result of the contest was in much doubt," wrote the correspondent of *The Police Gazette*, "for while Root landed many times and more than one of his blows hurt, Gardner was hitting harder all the time; he was more aggressive and he had speed, all of which is an invincible combination."

When Gardner knocked Root down in the twelfth with a short right, Root got up too weak to proceed. "And Referee McBride stopped the bout and awarded the decision to Gardner." It was what today would be called a TKO at 2:20 of the twelfth round.

Now with Gardner the "official" light-heavyweight champion, the division began attracting attention. One of those attracted was promoter James W. Coffroth, who noted that the 161-175 pound weight class was ideal for veteran Bob Fitzsimmons, the ex-heavyweight champion of the world, who, although kayoed for the second time by huge Jim Jeffries the year before, believed he could beat the younger Garnder because "A good head is better than good legs."

Coffroth matched the 167-pound Fitz with Gardner for the light heavyweight championship at Mechanic's Pavilion in San Francisco. In contrast to the action-packed Root-McCoy and Gardner-Root battles, the bout turned out to be one of the poorest bouts in championship history. Fitz, according to *the San Francisco Chronicle's* report, was "a slow old man whose fighting days have passed . . . Gardner had hundreds of openings and took advantage of none. Fitz would duck and run into the ropes in an effort to get away. A man with a modicum of brains and the force of a ten-year-old boy should have been upon him with a stinging smash." The referee, Ed Graney, gave Bob the decision and the title after twenty less-than-exciting rounds.

Graney, as underwhelmed by the fight as those in the audience, said, "I think that men who bet on Gardner have a legitimate kick coming, and I was tempted to call all wagers off. At times, I wondered if the affair was on the square and more than once



Jack Dillon, the "Hoosier Bearcat," whose claim to championship honors was finally acknowledged when he beat Battling Levinsky in 1916.

1916

The class is reborn, stronger than before and goes international

1922

Barney (Battling) Levinsky, whose manager, Dan Morgan, pumped new life into the division when his "battler" beat Dillon in a return bout.

Georges Carpentier, France's "Orchid Man," knocked Levinsky out in the first "international" light heavyweight title bout.

was on the verge of calling it 'no contest.' It was the worst exhibition I have ever been called upon to referee."

With his third championship belt safely tucked away, Fitzsimmons remained inactive for the next eight months. His only activity was a six-round no-decision bout with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in the latter's hometown on July 23, 1904. Fitz had something of the better of the bout, but O'Brien, fifteen years Bob's junior, learned enough to know he'd beat Fitz if they met again over a longer distance. Accordingly, he challenged Fitz to defend his light heavyweight title.

The return bout, scheduled for twenty rounds, was held, like the Fitzsimmons-Gardner affair, at Mechanic's Pavilion in San Francisco. Age beat Fitz that day, not Philadelpia Jack O'Brien, who was not a particularly heavy puncher and who was, physically, a middleweight — he rarely scaled in at more than 160. The longer the bout progressed, the more evident it became that Fitzsimmons was wearing out. Fitz finally lapsed into unconsciousness while sitting on his stool at the end of the thirteenth round. The fight was over.

O'Brien still holds an important record in light heavyweight title bout history: fewest title defenses — none! None, if you count only those bouts billed as being for "the championship." For O'Brien, from 1905, when he won the crown, until 1912, when he retired, fought many men weighing less than 175, a figure he was never known to exceed himself. One of those was Tommy Burns, who billed himself as the world heavyweight champion after defeat-

Mike McTigue beat Siki for the crown in 1923. How could he lose? They fought in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day.

Battling Siki of Senegal won the title by kayoing Carpentier—when he wasn't supposed to.

1922
Modern commissions give the 175-pound class official recognition
1929

Jack Delaney won the diadem from Berlenbach (1926), but gave it up to campaign as a heavyweight.

Paul Berlenbach, the ex-Olympic wrestler who won the light heavyweight title from McTigue in 1925.

Tommy Loughran, the master of defense and the left jab, won "universal recognition" as champion in 1927.

ing Marvin Hart. In a bout advertised "for the world heavyweight championship," O'Brien and Burns fought to a twenty-round draw. Had Burns received the decision from referee Jim Jeffries, he would have been able to claim, not only the heavyweight title, but the light heavy as well, inasmuch as he had entered the ring at 172 pounds — three pounds under the light heavyweight limit.

(O'Brien, incidentally, claimed the heavy title for himself upon champion Jim Jeffries' retirement in 1905. His reasoning was that when Jeffries retired, the title automatically went back to Fitzsimmons, from whom Jeff had won the crown in 1899. "But since then, Fitz lost to me," said Jack. "That makes me the champion!")

Burns, however, settled matters, beating O'Brien in a return twenty-rounder in Los Angeles on May 8, 1907, with Jeffries again serving as referee. Tommy, however, could not claim Jack's light heavyweight title, as he, Burns, came in at 180 for this return battle.

Stanley Ketchel actually won the world light heavyweight championship when he kayoed O'Brien in the third round of a scheduled six-rounder held in Philadelphia, June 9, 1909. Ketchel, however, never claimed the light heavyweight title, not only because the fight was not listed as an "official" championship bout (though both men scaled well below 175), but because he was already world middleweight champion, and the 175-pound title was a mere trinket in comparison with the more prestigious middleweight crown.

By the time O'Brien retired in 1912, the light heavyweight title was a distant memory, long since forgotten by the minds of boxing fans. In point of fact there was *no* light heavyweight division.

In December, 1912, however, the newly created New York State Commission issued a new set of rules, providing, among other things, for a "new" division, called "commission weight," set at 175 pounds. "Fireman Jim" Flynn, who had arrived in New York on Sunday, December 22 —after being kayoed by heavyweight Luther McCarty in Vernon, California, two weeks earlier — wrote a letter to the New York *Times* claiming the championship.

Whether or not Flynn's claim to the "commission weight" title can be taken seriously, he was a legitimate light heavyweight, weighing 175 for his heavyweight title fight with Jack Johnson on July 4, 1912. A better claim to the "commission weight" title, however, could have been advanced by Sam Langford, who had scored two kayoes over Flynn. Sam weighed about 170, and, with the possible exception of the 195-pound Johnson, could have licked any fighter in the world. (And in fact, had

Bob Olin won the title from Rosenbloom on a split decision. His greatest moments, however, came in his game losing stand against John Henry Lewis in 1935.

Jimmy Slattery, champion in 1930, could have been one of the all-time greats, but he dissipated his considerable talents.

Maxie Rosenbloom's cuffing, slapping style often made his opponents look foolish. He was champ

1930

Breadlines, Slapsie Maxie, and John Henry. Boxing's Golden Age.

1939

Melio Bettina won New York State recognition as world light heavyweight champ by halting Tiger Jack Fox in Madison Square Garden, February 3, 1939.

John Henry Lewis was a brilliant 175-pound king until problems with his vision forced him to retire in 1939.

Gus Lesnevich and Freddie Mills wait through a war to fight each other

1948

The National Boxing Association declared Anton Christoforidis champion when he defeated Bettina on January 13, 1941.

Billy Conn takes a left hook to the face as he bulls into champ Bettina, July 13, 1939. Conn won the crown by unanimous decision but gave it up to campaign as a heavyweight.

Gus Lesnevich won the NBA crown from Christoforidis and gained universal acceptance as world champ by beating Tami

Freddie Mills won the title by defeating Lesnevich in 1948. Mills was one of Britain's greatest.

knocked O'Brien out in five rounds in New York on August 15, 1911, but, like Ketchel, had not claimed the light heavyweight crown.)

But no one answered Flynn's challenge, and the Pueblo Fireman continued battling among the heavyweights, and his claim to the New York Commission's world 175-pound title was eventually forgotten.

Unbeknownst to Flynn and the New York Commission, Sam Marburger, manager of Jack Dillon, had made a weak claim to the 175-pound title after the Hoosier Bearcat — as Dillon was called — knocked out tough Hugo Kelly in the third round in Indianapolis on May 28, 1912.

Two years later, on April 28, 1914, Marburger made another light heavyweight title claim on behalf of Dillon after the latter had whipped Al Norton in a ten-round bout in Kansas City. Few paid attention, and though Dillon was considered the "top man" among light heavyweights, he was rarely, if ever, referred to as the "light heavyweight champion." A ten-round victory over Flynn in Kansas City on October 5, 1914 also did little to advance his cause in that direction.

Late in 1915, Dillon's claim received a boost when something called the American Boxing Association declared him "the light heavyweight champion." It's rather difficult, however, to say how long it would have taken for the light heavyweight division to gain acceptance as a championship class had not Dan Morgan come into the picture. Dan, known as the "Ballyhoo Man," was a master publicist and showman. He suggested to Marburger that his fighter, Battling Levinsky, meet Jack Dillon in a fifteen-round bout for the light heavyweight title on April 25, 1916. When his offer was accepted by Marburger, Morgan set about publicizing the fight to the extent where it was considered a title bout by most authoritative voices in the boxing world.

Fighting in Boston on October 24, 1916, Levinsky won a twelve-round decision over Dillon in the tenth and last meeting between the two men. Morgan lived up to his nickname be hollering long and loud about his new champion, although Levinsky fought mostly against heavyweights in the ensuing four years.

Although most record books today list the Dillon-Levinsky affairs as world light heavyweight title bouts, they were, in the purest sense, only for the American title. The 175-pound class had gained a popularity, of sorts, in Europe under the name the "cruiserweight" division where Georges Carpentier was generally acknowledged as the champion.

William A. Gavin, an Englishman, promoted what was probably the first *real* world light heavyweight title bout when he paired Levinsky and Carpentier in a scheduled twelve-round bout at the International League baseball park in Jersey City on October 12, 1920. The fight itself was no fight. In fact, it was a pretty one-sided fight. Levinsky, who had absorbed too many hard knocks over fourteen years and something like three hundred fights, was fair game for the Orchid Man, who knocked him down twice in the second round and put him down for keeps in 1:07 of the fourth.

After being knocked out in the fourth round by Jack Dempsey in his bid for the heavyweight title, Carpentier turned his attention back to defending his 175-pound crown. His first defense was against Ted (Kid) Lewis, 157, at the Olympia Arena in London on May 11, 1922. The first round saw the two participants in more of a wrestling match than a boxing bout, and referee Joe Palmer had to separate the men three times. On one occasion — the last, as it turned out — Georges swung his right hand, and the Kid was laid out for the count in 2:15 of the round. The bout was over so quickly that many at ringside — including Jack Dempsey, who had turned his head to sign an autograph — missed the kayo punch.

On September 24, 1922, Carpentier defended his crown against Battling Siki at the Velodrome Buffalo in Paris. Siki later claimed he had agreed to take a swan dive in the fourth round. But when Georges used a hard right to put him down and turned to his admirers to grin when Siki hit the canvas, the Sengelese became enraged. Siki quickly gained his feet, and smashed the unprepared Georges with everything he had, and soon was pummeling him unmercifully. Carpentier never recovered from the onslaught and was knocked out in 1:10 of the fourth round, although referee Henri Bernstein, supposedly in cahoots with Francois Descamps, Georges' manager, tried to disqualify Siki on the grounds that he had "tripped" Carpentier. Bernstein was overruled by the judges, who declared Siki the new light heavyweight champion of the world.

The crown did not sit well on Siki, an untutored man who allowed the spirits to move him. He soon was barred by the French Boxing Federation as a result of his "outrageous conduct when he seconded Ercole Balzac against Maurice Brunier." As Nat Fleischer put it in *Black Dynamite*: "Balzac was knocked out, and Siki, much peeved by his principal's defeat, rushed to the opposite corner and bestowed a wallop on Brunier's manager, Fernand Ouny. Siki, as might be conjectured, was drunk at the time."

Barred from French rings, Siki went to Dublin to defend his crown against Mike McTigue at the Scala Opera House on St. Patrick's Day, 1923. Films reveal Siki as the real winner, but the referee, Jack Smith, gave the decision to McTigue after twenty rounds because, as Smith later put it, "Siki was the better fighter that night, but Mc Tigue was the better boxer."

There was considerable comment caused by the decision, and two London sporting periodicals, *The Sporting Life* and *The Sportsman*, claimed that Siki was still champ because neither he nor McTigue had weighed in for the fight. McTigue, however was a natural middleweight, and was doubtless under 175 for the fight, even if Siki, a natural 174-180 pounder was not.

Mike, a native Irishman, had started fighting in the Emerald Isle in 1909. Although the record books list his birthdate as November 26, 1892, he admitted to being in his forties when he retired in 1930. However old he was, he was a veteran when he was given the decision over Siki, and had been fighting around the New York area since his initial arrival in the States back in the early 1910's, when he was known as "the Irish middleweight champion."

McTigue was an eratic performer, great in some fights, poor in others. The sporting press of his day did not regard him highly, and he was often referred to as the greatest "cheese champion" since Al McCoy. A youthful Tommy Loughran, weighing 161 pounds, beat him in an eight-rounder held in Philadelphia on June 25, 1923. Mike, at 164½ was also well within the light heavyweight limit, but Loughran could not claim the title since it was one of the standard "no-decision" bouts of the day. They had a rematch, over twelve rounds, in West New York, New Jersey, on August 2nd of that year, and this time Mike was given somewhat the better of the argument by the newspapers in another no-decision bout.

The boxing writers had a field day when Mike and his manager, Jimmy Johnston, went to Columbus, Georgia, for a ten-round bout with "Young" Stribling on October 4, 1923. Mike and Jimmy got the surprise of their lives when they found that the fight was being billed as a light heavyweight title bout — and that a decision would be rendered!

Johnston tried to change the fight into an exhibition, but it was hopeless. At the conclusion of the fight, it appeared that Stribling had, indeed, garnered more points than the champion. Harry Ertle, who was Johnston's imported referee, hesitated, then declared the fight a "draw." Angry protests by the crowd at ringside, however, caused him to renege and he immediately raised the hand of Stribling.

Several hours later, when McTigue, Johnston, and Ertle were safely out of the unfriendly jurisdiction of Georgia, Ertle wired all the leading papers that his original decision, a draw, stood. No matter. Several papers, including the New York *Daily News*, had already used, "MIKE McTIGUE LOSES TITLE" as their back page headline.

Stribling further tarnished McTigue's crown by boxing rings around him in a twelve-round bout held in the First Regiment Armory in Newark on March 31, 1924. Both Strib, 165, and Mike 166½, were well within the 175-pound limit, but the "no-decision" rule effective in most northern states again saved McTigue's title.

Next, it was world welterweight champion Walker's turn to beat McTigue in another twelve-round no-decision fight in the Newark Armory, this one on January 7, 1925. One of the reasons for McTigue's spotty performances was his brittle hands. After the Walker fight, Mike showed two broken hands and said he had gone in the ring with them in that condition. A doctor who examined them verified the breaks, but said that Mike had, apparently, broken them in the bout.

But Root, Gardner, Fitzsimmons, O'Brien, Dillon, Levinsky, Carpentier, Siki and McTigue to the contrary, the *real* date for the start of the light heavyweight division can be traced to May 30, 1925, when the "Astoria Assasin," Paul Berlenbach, relieved McTigue of the 175-pound championship with a unanimous decision at Yankee Stadium. Before that date, "no-decision" fights make it next-to-impossible to determine what was a world title fight, and what wasn't.

Yet, the course of true boxing — like that of love — seldom runs smoothly. And, true to form, there have been many periods in which the actual possessor of the 175-pound championship has been in dispute. After Jack Delaney, Berlenbach's conqueror, gave up his world light heavyweight title to campaign against heavyweights in 1927, Maxie Rosenbloom and Jimmy Slattery met in a ten-rounder in Hartford, Connecticut to decide the vacant championship. Although Slattery won, only the National Boxing Association gave its official blessing to the fight as a championship bout. The then powerful New York State Athletic Commission recognized, instead, Tommy Loughran as the new champ when he beat the ancient McTigue in fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden. The issue was resolved when Loughran won a unanimous decision over Slattery in the Garden on the night of December 12.

Loughran went on to successfully defend his crown five times, including one memorable fight in which he was knocked down — and almost out — by Leo Lomski, and then vacated his light heavy crown to fight heavyweight contender Jack Sharkey in New York on September 26, 1929. Sharkey's three-round knockout undoubtedly caused Loughran to ask if it all was worth the effort.

Slattery won the vacant light heavyweight title by virtue of a majority decision over Lou Scozza at the Auditorium in Buffalo on February 10, 1930. He subsequently lost it to his rival, Rosenbloom, in Bison Stadium, also in Buffalo, on June 25 of that same year.

As popular as "Slapsie" Maxie became after he quit the ring, he was equally disliked by many boxing fans during his active days. They disliked, especially, his clinching, his slapping (hitting with the open glove), and his often dull fights. To show just how much they appreciated him, only 4,406 fans "crowded" into Madison Square Garden on October 22, 1930, to see him defend his title against Abie Bain.

There was almost more action outside the ring than in, as the NBA and New York State continued their battle. On June 6, 1931, the National Boxing Association declared that, inasmuch as Rosenbloom had not defended the title since the Bain bout, his title was vacated. Deprived of his title outside the Empire State, Rosenbloom's defenses were confined to New York State; except his February 5, 1934, fight with Joe Knight, promoted by Madison Square Garden in its Miami Stadium.

Twenty-two of the world's light heavyweights took part in a tounament held in Chicago beginning in December, 1931, to determine Rosenbloom's NBA "successor". In the final bout, held in Chicago Stadium on March 18, 1932, George Nichols, a 100-1 shot, won a ten-round split decision over Dave Maier of Milwaukee.

Nichols was listed as world light heavyweight champion in the ratings approved by the NBA at its annual 1932 convention, despite the fact that Nichols had lost over-the-weight bouts to Lou Scozza and Ham Jenkins since his fight with Maier. But, when George lost over-the-weight fights with Joe Knight and Adolf Heuser in October, and failed to defend his crown by January 1, 1933, the NBA asked its members to arrange yet another elimination tournament — this time to determine a successor to Nichols.

On February 14, 1933, Bob Godwin, "Florida's Hurricane," stopped Johnny Miles in the sixth round of a bout held in West Palm Beach. Six days later, in Lakeland, Florida, Southern light heavyweight champion Joe Knight halted Eddie McCarthy in seven. Then, on March 1, 1933, Knight and Godwin fought ten rounds in West Palm Beach for the NBA light heavyweight championship. Godwin won the title on points.

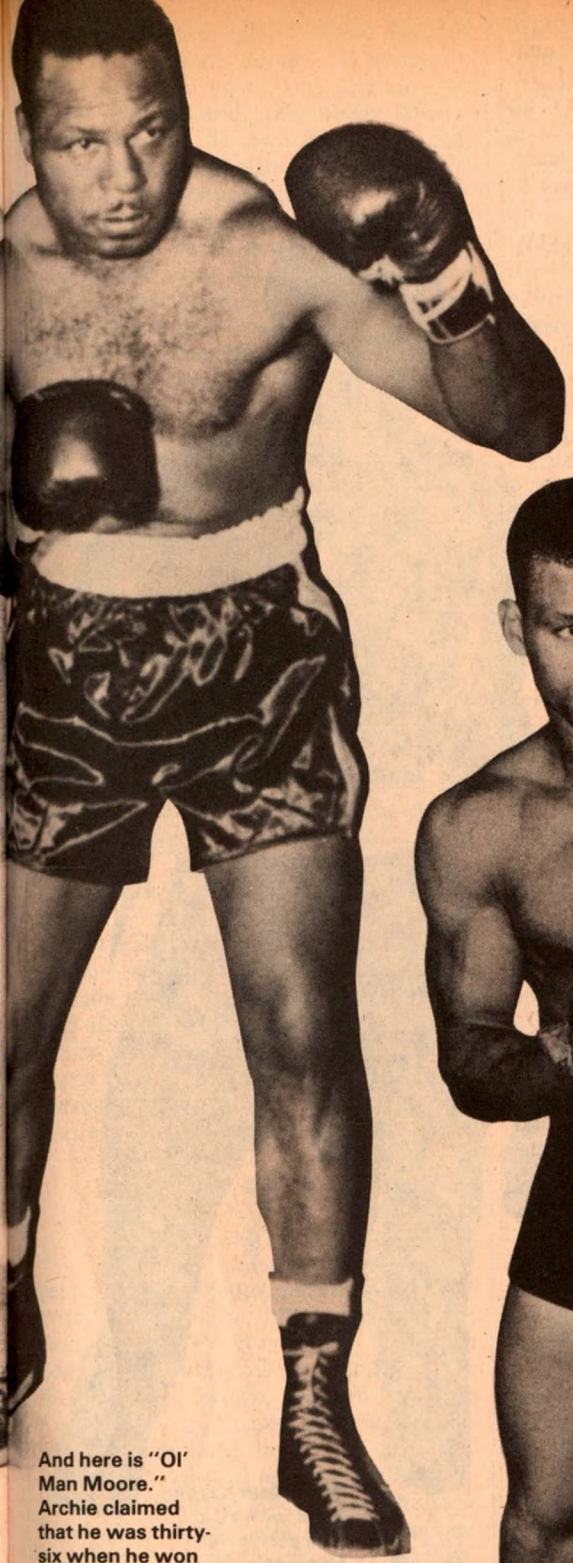
Rosenbloom, who still held the New York State version of the world champion-

Joey Maxim knocked out Mills to win the title (1950). He stopped Robinson in 1952—assisted by ol' Mr. Sol.

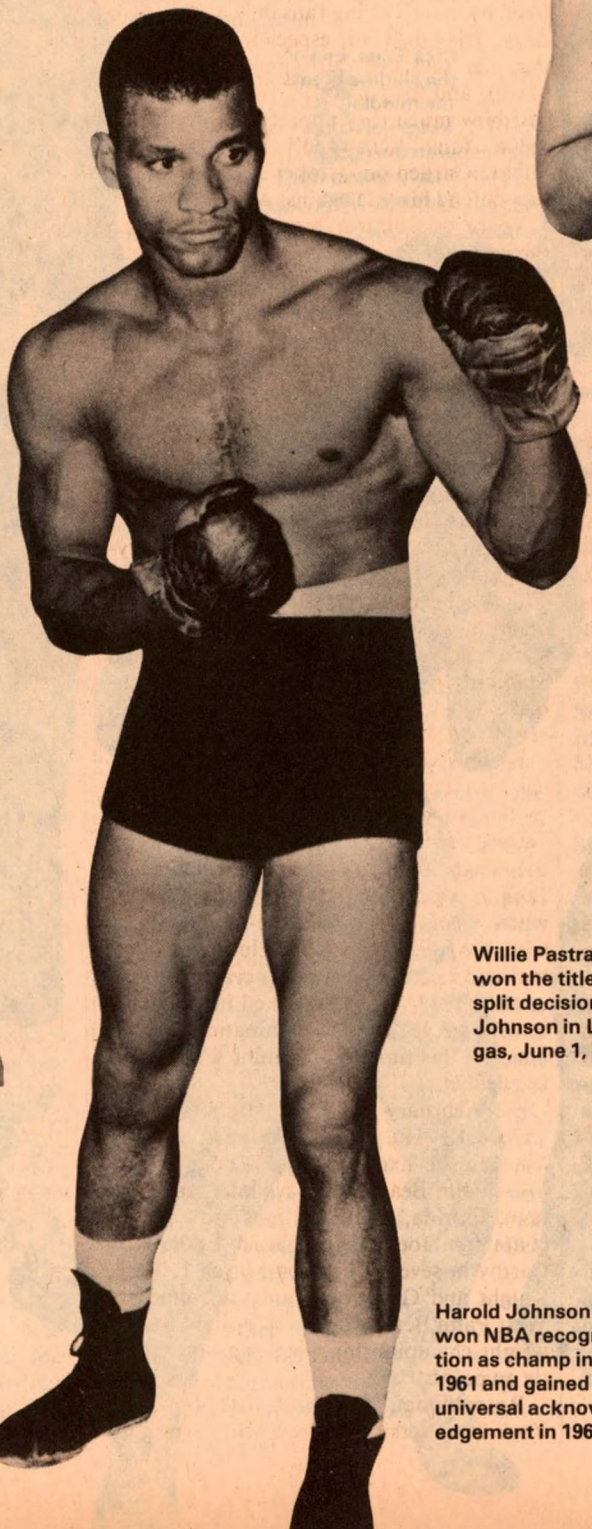
1950

"Moore, Moore," the people shouted. Ancient Archie seldom failed to respond.

1964



And here is "Ol' Man Moore." Archie claimed that he was thirty-six when he won the crown from Maxim in 1952. He was really thirty-nine.



Harold Johnson won NBA recognition as champ in 1961 and gained universal acknowledgement in 1962.

Willie Pastrano won the title on a split decision over Johnson in Las Vegas, June 1, 1963.

1965

6'3" Bob Foster defends his title fourteen times. Was he the greatest?

1974

Jose Torres beat Pastrano for the crown in Madison Square Garden.

Dick Tiger, one of the all-time greats the middleweight division, won the light heavy crown from Torres in 1966.

Bob Foster kayoed Tiger with a picture perfect left hook, May 24, 1968. He mowed 'em all down over the next six years.

ship, had successfully defended his title against Slattery and Scozza. On March 10, 1933, he won a unanimous decision over Adolf Heuser, and, two weeks later — largely through his own insistence — got the newly crowned NBA champ, Godwin, into the Garden ring for a title bout.

Godwin, fighting with a deep gash over his right eye, which he suffered in training, was beaten from the start. Rosenbloom dropped him twice in the first round and opened the wound over his eye in the second. Referee Pete Hartley had to stop it in the fourth. "Godwin," wrote Nat Fleischer in *The Ring*, "should never have been passed by the boxing board. General Phelan, head of the New York Commission, knew that Godwin had five stitches placed in the wound the day before the fight, and on the afternoon of the weighing-in, he appeared with a plaster dressing over both eyes, and was unfit to enter the ring against so clever a boy as Rosenbloom — especially against a slapper-boxer."

Rosenbloom, having regained universal recognition, successfully defended his crown twice over the next year, winning a split decision over former middleweight champ Mickey Walker in Chicago and fighting a draw with Joe Knight in the Madison Square Garden Stadium in Miami.

Damon Runyon, at ringside that night, wrote: "I find many supporters of my contention that Joe Knight, the new fistic pride of the Southland, licked Smacksie Maxie Rosenbloom last night, only to wind up with a draw decision. In any event, Knight is now just as much champion as Smacksie Maxie. The Georgia youth has 50 percent interest in the title under the decision, but Maxie has the voting power."

The NBA was more anxious than ever to get rid of Rosenbloom, and stripped him of their recognition for the second time at their annual 1934 convention. They even declared him ineligible as a candidate for the 175-pound crown, and censured him for his "clowning tactics" and his "criticizing opponents in the ring."

The National Boxing Association, and a lot of other people, were taken off the hook when Maxie lost a split decision to Bob Olin in a Garden title defense, November 16, 1934. The NBA decided to forget its September edict barring Rosenbloom as a candidate for the light heavyweight title, and gave its recognition to Olin, who promptly rewarded their faith in him by losing the title to John Henry Lewis in his very first defense.

Although Lewis went on to compile a fine record as light heavy champion, beating Olin in a rematch, Britishers Jock McAvoy and Len Harvey, Emilio Martinez, and Al Gainer — the New York State Athletic Commission insisted he give up his claim to the 175-pound title before he fought Joe Louis for the latter's heavyweight crown. Lewis persevered with his plans to fight for the heavyweight championship, whereupon the Commission gave its blessing to a three-man elimination for the championship between Tiger Jack Fox, Al Gainer and Melio Bettina. On November 29, 1938, Tiger Jack Fox won a unanimous decision over Al Gainer after fifteen rounds in the New York Coliseum. Fox then fought Melio Bettina, who stopped him in the ninth round in Madison Square Garden to be crowned light heavyweight champion of the world — according to the Gospel as espoused by the New York State Athletic Commission.

On June 19, 1939, four and one-half months after the Bettina-Fox fight, the National Boxing Association withdrew its recognition of Lewis as champion because of his "partial blindness." The NBA decision, announced in Washington, was predicated upon Lewis' examination by two physicians and an eye specialist.

The NBA agreed to recognize the winner of a fight between Bettina and Billy Conn as the new champion. And when he beat Bettina on July 13, 1939, Conn was "universally recognized" as champion. Conn further solidified his championship by beating Gus Lesnevich in November.

After beating Lesnevich in a return bout, Conn became the fourth light heavyweight champion to renounce his crown in order to enter the heavyweight ranks. The NBA subsequently recognized Anton Christoforidis as world heavyweight champion after he beat Bettina at the Cleveland Arena on January 13, 1941.

The New York State Athletic Commission, predictably, refused to accept the NBA's champion, and were it not for New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Abe Greene, the situation would have become even more confused than it already was. Greene proposed a four-man elimination tournament between Christoforidis, Lesnevich, Jimmy Webb, and Tommy Tucker.

On February 21, 1941, Webb TKO'd Tucker at 1:30 of the ninth round in a scheduled fifteen-round fight in Madison Square Garden. Then, on May 22, Lesnevich outpointed Christoforidis in what the New York Commission recognized as an elimination bout and the NBA saw as a defense of Christoforidis' title. The stage was set for a Webb-Lesnevich fight to decide *the* light heavyweight champion, both NBA and New York versions.

Webb, however, had decided he would squeeze in other matches before his fight with Lesnevich. On July 28, 1941, he faced Mose Brown in a scheduled ten-rounder at Hickey Park in Millvale, Pennsylvania, and, embarrassingly, was knocked out in the second round. Since Brown did not have an impressive record, and had been stopped by George Burnette just two months before kayoing Webb, it was decided to match Lesnevich with Tami Mauriello, the next ranking contender, for the title.

Sending Tami to the canvas for a nine-count in the second round, Lesnevich won a very close split decision. Referee Eddie Joseph gave Mauriello ten rounds to five for Lesnevich, but the judges scored the bout for Gus. A rematch, three months later, saw Gus beat Tami by a wider margin.

Now Lesnevich was recognized as the world's heavyweight champion — everywhere but in Great Britain, which refused to acknowledge *anybody* as world cruiserweight king until they'd met Freddie Mills. But owing to the war, Gus and Freddie did not meet until May 14, 1946, when Lesnevich stopped Mills in the tenth round and was acknowledged, at long last, as the world's champ by everyone in the boxing world.

Gus made two defenses against the heretofore undefeated "Blackjack" Billy Fox before he faced Mills in a return bout at White City Stadium in London on July 26, 1948. This time, Freddie won, receiving the decision of referee Teddy Waltham after fifteen grueling rounds, and became England's first world light heavyweight — or "cruiserweight" — champion.

Mills did not risk a defense of his title for eighteen months. Then on January 24, 1950, Joey Maxim knocked him out in Earl's Court to bring the title back to the States. Maxim waited nineteen months before defending his title against "Irish" Bob Murphy in Madison Square Garden on August 22, 1951, winning a unanimous decision.

In his second title defense, in Yankee Stadium on June 25, 1952, Maxim faced middleweight king Sugar Ray Robinson, trying to duplicate Fitz's feat of a half-century before by adding the light heavyweight crown to his two others. Sugar was leading on all scorecards when he collapsed at the end of round thirteen. Heat exhaustion, more than Maxim, was responsible for Robinson's defeat. (Referee Ruby Goldstein had been forced to quit after the tenth round because of it; Ray Miller finished the bout.)

Archie Moore, thirty-nine years old and a top contender for years, won the title by outpointing Maxim at the St. Louis Arena on December 17, 1952. "The Mongoose," as Moore was known, gave Joey two attempts to get his crown back, beating Maxim by a very close decision in Ogden, Utah, on June 24, 1953, and outscoring him at the Orange Bowl in Miami on January 27, 1954.

WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS

Compiled by Herbert G. Goldman

Date	Winner	Weight	Loser	Weight	Result	Time KO	Site	Referee
4/22/1903	Jack Root	168	Charles (Kid) McCoy	173	ref 10	—	Light Guard Armory, Detroit	Bat Masterson
7/ 4/1903	George Gardner		Jack Root		TKO 12	2:20	International Athletic Club, Fort Erie, Ontario	------ McBride
11/25/1903	Bob Fitzsimmons	168	George Gardner	170	ref 20	—	Mechanic's Pavilion, San Francisco	Ed Graney
12/20/1905	Philadelphia Jack O'Brien	164	Bob Fitzsimmons	165	TKO 14	*	Mechanic's Pavilion, San Francisco	Ed Graney
4/25/1916	Jack Dillon		Battling Levinsky		ref 15	—	Kansas City, Mo.	
10/17/1916	Jack Dillon	173	Tim O'Neill	172	ND 10	—	Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn	
10/24/1916	Battling Levinsky		Jack Dillon		ref 12	—	Armory A. A., Boston	Larry Connolly
3/ 6/1917	Battling Levinsky		Jack Moran		ref 12	—	St. Louis, Mo.	
6/20/1917	Battling Levinsky		Johnny Howard		ref 12	—	Providence, R.I.	
12/25/1918	Battling Levinsky		Leo Houck		6	—	Lancaster, Pa.	
7/ 3/1919	Battling Levinsky		Billy Miske		ND 12	—	Toledo, Ohio	
8/11/1919	Battling Levinsky	173	Clay Turner	170	ND 8	—	Jersey City, N.J.	
5/ 3/1920	Battling Levinsky		Clay Turner		12	—	Portland, Maine	
5/21/1920	Battling Levinsky		Chuck Wiggins		draw 12	—	Dayton, Ohio	
10/12/1920	Georges Carpentier	170½	Battling Levinsky	175	KO 4	1:07	Int. League Park, Jersey City	Harry Ertle
6/11/1922	Georges Carpentier	175	Ted (Kid) Lewis	157	KO 1	2:15	Olympia Arena, London	Joe Palmer
9/24/1922	Battling Siki	174	Georges Carpentier	173½	KO 6	1:10	Velodrome Buffalo, Paris	Henri Bernstein
3/17/1923	Mike McTigue		Battling Siki		ref 20	—	Scala Opera House, Dublin	Jack Smith
6/25/1923	Mike McTigue	164½	Tommy Loughran	161	ND 8	—	Philadelphia, Pa.	
8/2/1923	Mike McTigue	163½	Tommy Loughran	166	ND 12	—	West New York Park, New Jersey	Eddie Dugan
10/4/1923	Mike McTigue		Young Stribling		draw 10	—	Columbus, Georgia	Harry Ertle
3/31/1924	Mike McTigue	166½	Young Stribling	165	ND 12	—	Newark Armory	Hank Lewis
1/7/1925	Mike McTigue	160	Mickey Walker	149¾	ND 12	—	Newark Armory	Hank Lewis
5/30/1925	Paul Berlenbach	170½	Mike McTigue	170½	unan 15	—	Yankee Stadium	Ed Purdy
9/11/1925	Paul Berlenbach	172	Jimmy Slattery	161½	TKO 11	1:28	Yankee Stadium	Patsy Haley
12/11/1925	Paul Berlenbach	173½	Jack Delaney	166	maj 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Ed Purdy
6/10/1926	Paul Berlenbach	174½	Young Stribling	171	unan 15	—	Yankee Stadium	Jim Crowley
7/16/1926	Jack Delaney	166½	Paul Berlenbach	174½	unan 15	—	Ebbets Field	Jim Crowley
10/7/1927	Tommy Loughran	175	Mike McTigue	172½	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Lou Magnolia
12/12/1927	Tommy Loughran	173½	Jimmy Slattery	165½	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Lou Magnolia
1/6/1928	Tommy Loughran	174½	Leo Lomski	171	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Jack Denning
6/1/1928	Tommy Loughran	173¾	Pete Latzo	168	unan 15	—	Ebbets Field	Jed Gahan
7/16/1928	Tommy Loughran	172½	Pete Latzo	167½	unan 10	—	Artillery Park, Wilkes-Barre	Leo Houck
3/28/1929	Tommy Loughran	173¼	Mickey Walker	165	split 10	—	Chicago Stadium	Dave Miller
7/18/1929	Tommy Loughran	174	James J. Braddock	170	unan 15	—	Yankee Stadium	Eddie Forbes
2/10/1930	Jimmy Slattery	166¾	Lou Scozza	169½	maj 15	—	Buffalo Auditorium	Jim Crowley
6/25/1930	Maxie Rosenbloom	170½	Jimmy Slattery	166½	split 15	—	Bison Stadium, Buffalo	Patsy Haley
10/22/1930	Maxie Rosenbloom	174½	Abie Bain	171½	TKO 11	1:47	Madison Sq. Garden	Lou Magnolia
8/5/1931	Maxie Rosenbloom	171½	Jimmy Slattery	170½	unan 15	—	Ebbets Field	Kid McPartland
7/14/1932	Maxie Rosenbloom	175	Lou Scozza	173	maj 15	—	Bison Stadium, Buffalo	Gunboat Smith
3/10/1933	Maxie Rosenbloom	174	Adolf Heuser	172	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Jed Gahan
3/24/1933	Maxie Rosenbloom	174¾	Bob Godwin	167¼	TKO 4	1:16	Madison Sq. Garden	Pete Hartley
11/3/1933	Maxie Rosenbloom	173¾	Mickey Walker	173½	split 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Eddie Forbes
2/5/1934	Maxie Rosenbloom	174	Joe Knight	173	draw 15	—	M.S.G. Stadium, Miami	Harry Graham
11/16/1934	Bob Olin	173	Maxie Rosenbloom	173½	split 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Arthur Donovan
10/31/1935	John Henry Lewis	174½	Bob Olin	173	unan 15	—	St. Louis Arena	Walter Heisner
3/13/1936	John Henry Lewis	172¼	Jock McAvoy	168¼	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Arthur Donovan
11/9/1936	John Henry Lewis	173½	Len Harvey	172	ref 15	—	Empire Pool, Wembley	Jack Smith
6/3/1937	John Henry Lewis	174	Bob Olin	174¾	TKO 8	1:20	St. Louis Arena	Walter Heisner
4/25/1938	John Henry Lewis	174¾	Emilio Martinez	174	KO 4	0:54	Minneapolis Auditorium	Britt Gorman
10/28/1938	John Henry Lewis	174	Al Gainer	170	unan 15	—	New Haven Arena	Dave Fitzgerald
2/3/1939	Melio Bettina	172½	Tiger Jack Fox	174¾	TKO 9	1:22	Madison Sq. Garden	Eddie Joseph
7/13/1939	Billy Conn	170¼	Melio Bettina	173¼	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Frank Fullam

CHART CONTINUED

A hard fight with Harold Johnson followed, Archie coming back to kayo Johnson in the fourteenth round after being behind on points. Moore then defended against Bobo Olson, Yolande Pompey, and Tony Anthony, halting each of them.

On December 10, 1958, Archie faced Yvon Durelle at the Montreal Forum. Four times Durelle sent Archie to the canvas — three of those times in the first round — before Moore came back to win the memorable fight with an eleventh round knockout. They met again on August 12, 1959, and this time, Moore was careful not to be "caught cold." He knocked Yvon out in three rounds.

By 1960, the aging Archie was having a great deal of trouble making the 175-pound weight limit. And on October 25, 1960, the NBA withdrew its recognition of Moore, since he had not defended his title since the second Durelle fight fourteen months earlier.

The NBA sanctioned a February 7, 1961 bout between Harold Johnson, the number one contender, and Jesse Bowdry, a recent victor over Willie Pastrano, for the world title. Johnson stopped Bowdry in the ninth and won the NBA's blessings as light heavyweight champion. He successfully defend ed his crown by knocking out Von Clay in the second round of a fight held in Philadelphia on April 24.

Moore still insisted he could make 175 pounds. The New York State Athletic Commission, which along with the EBU and virtually every other body in the world except the NBA, still listed Moore as champion, sanctioned a title bout between Archie and Giulio Rinaldi to take place in Madison Square Garden on June 10, 1961.

Archie, insisting that " 'fat' is just a three letter word that was invented to confuse people," went on a special diet and trimmed down some thirty pounds, coming in at 174½ to Rinaldi's 173¾. Moore proceeded to win a fairly decisive, if not spectacular, victory to retain his title for the ninth time.

On August 29, 1961, Johnson defended his NBA crown for the second time and won a close decision over Eddie Cotton. Then, on February 10, 1962, New York and the EBU finally withdrew recognition from Moore, and Johnson was matched with Doug Jones to decide the new, universally recognized world light heavyweight champion, Johnson winning a unanimous decision.

On June 1, 1963, Johnson lost a split decision — and the title — to Willie Pastrano. Despite a general outcry over the decision, Pastrano never gave Johnson a chance to regain his lost crown. Harold was allowed to wait in the wings while Pastrano successfully defended the title against Greg Peralta, who had beaten Willie in a non-title bout, and former middleweight king Terry Downes.

Pastrano lost the crown on March 30, 1965, when he was stopped by Jose Torres. Torres, a former Intercity Golden Gloves champion, made his first title defense against Wayne Thornton in Shea Stadium, May 21, 1966. He gave Thornton a terrific beating in the first round, knocking him to the canvas for an eight-count and driving him halfway through the ropes with a vicious body attack. From then on, Jose was something less than spectacular, and Thornton was able to last the full fifteen rounds.

Torres made two more successful defenses — a disputed decision over Eddie Cotton and a two-round knockout of Chic Calderwood — before he faced Dick Tiger in Madison Square Garden on December 16, 1966. Tiger, the former middleweight champ, abandoned his usual head hunting style to concentrate on Jose's body, and won the crown by a unanimous decision. A return bout, on February 5, 1967, saw Tiger win a split decision that touched off a Garden riot.

After defending his title with a twelve-round kayo of Roger Rouse, Tiger faced 6'3" Bob Foster. Foster won the title in the fourth round with a devastating left hook to the jaw that had Tiger "out" for several minutes. Foster made four successful defenses before the World Boxing Association (*nee* the National Boxing Association) stripped him of its recognition and set up a title bout of its own between Vicente Rondon and Jimmy Dupree. Rondon stopped Dupree in 2:58 of the sixth round and proceeded to defend his WBA half-title against such worthies as Piero Del Papa (KO-1), Gomeo Brennan (TKO-13), and Doyle Baird (KO-8) before Foster regained "universal recognition" by knocking him out in 2:55 of the second round on April 7, 1972. Foster's brilliant career as light heavyweight champion finally came to an end with a draw against rugged Jorge Ahumada in Albuquerque on July 17, 1974.

On August 9, 1974, the World Boxing Council stripped Foster of its title recognition for "failing to sign contracts for a title defense against the (WBC's) top contender, John Conteh of Britain." WBC president Ramon Velasquez announced that Conteh, the British, European, and Commonwealth champion, would meet Ahumada for the WBC's vacant throne.

Foster, realizing that the time had come, announced his retirement on September 16, 1974, fifteen days before the Conteh-Ahumada fight. Conteh, the winner on points, was acclaimed the new world champion by the WBC.

The World Boxing Association, however, refused to accept Conteh as its world champion. No one, they argued, could claim Foster's crown until he had defeated *their* number one contender, Victor Galindez. Subsequently, the WBC set up a match between Galindez and American Len Hutchins, which Galindez won when Hutchins failed to answer the bell for the thirteenth round at Luna Park in Buenos Aires.

Since that time the actual world title has been in dispute. The WBA and the WBC have not allowed their champions to meet, forcing a split title situation of a type unknown since the middleweight division muddle in the 1930s.

In May, 1977, Conteh pulled out of a scheduled WBC title defense against Miguel Angel Cuello in Monte Carlo. The WBC immediately stripped him of recognition, had Jesse Burnett take Conteh's place against Cuello, and proclaimed Cuello its world champion when he stopped Burnett in nine rounds. Conteh, of course, claimed that he was still world champ, so the boxing world now had *three* "world" champions at one time — Conteh, Cuello, and WBA Champ Galindez.

On January 7, 1978, Cuello lost his part of the crown via a ninth round kayo to Yugoslavia's Mate Parlov. Parlov brought some order out of chaos, reducing the number of champs to two when he outpointed Conteh in Belgrade on June 17, 1978.

Galindez, on the other hand, racked up ten straight wins in defense of his partial crown. While the Galindez of 1974-76 was tough, and, in the eyes of many, the best 175-pound fighter in the world, by 1977 he'd begun to slip. Eddie "Flame" Gregory came within a whisker of dethroning him in Turin, Italy, losing a close decision, and Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez lost what looked to many like what was, at best, a "bad" decision on May 6, 1978. Finally, Mike Rossman stopped Galindez in the thirteenth round on the Carnival of Champions show in the New Orleans Superdome last September 15, 1978. Father Time, it seemed, had stopped Galindez, if no one else could.

Marvin Johnson brought the other light heavyweight crown — the WBC version — back to the U.S. by stopping Parlov in the tenth round in Marsala, Sicily, last December 2nd. Both Rossman and Johnson, however, lost their titles within a space of nine days in April, 1979. Galindez stormed back to stop Rossman in a rematch in New Orleans when Rossman did not come out for the tenth round, and Philly's Matt Franklin halted Johnson in the eighth round of a thrilling bout in Indianapolis.

There you have it — a history of the world light heavyweight championship. There has been no universally recognized champion for five years, and no one is certain just how long the situation will continue. One thing, however, *is* certain. Whatever his motives were, Lou Houseman was right when he said a division between middleweight and heavyweight was needed. ■

9/25/1939	Billy Conn	172¼	Melio Bettina	174½	unan 15	—	Forbes Field, Pittsburgh	Red Robinson
11/17/1939	Billy Conn	171½	Gus Lesnevich	174¾	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Johnny McAvoy
6/5/1940	Billy Conn	173½	Gus Lesnevich	173½	unan 15	—	Olympia, Detroit	Sam Hennessey
1/13/1941	Anton Christoforidis	168½	Melio Bettina	174	unan 15	—	Cleveland Arena	Joe Sedley
5/22/1941	Gus Lesnevich	175	Anton Christoforidis	166	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Frank Fullam
8/26/1941	Gus Lesnevich	175	Tami Mauriello	170¾	split 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Eddie Joseph
11/14/1941	Gus Lesnevich	173¾	Tami Mauriello	173½	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Arthur Donovan
5/14/1946	Gus Lesnevich	175	Freddie Mills	173⅞	TKO 10	2:56	Harringay Arena	Eugene Henderson
2/28/1947	Gus Lesnevich	174½	Billy Fox	172	TKO 10	2:19	Madison Sq. Garden	Johnny Burns
3/5/1948	Gus Lesnevich	175	Billy Fox	172¼	KO 1	1:58	Madison Sq. Garden	Frank Fullam
7/26/1948	Freddie Mills	171½	Gus Lesnevich	174¾	ref 15	—	White City Stadium	Teddy Waltham
1/24/1950	Joey Maxim	174¼	Freddie Mills	173	KO 10	1:54	Earl's Court	Andrew Smyth
8/22/1951	Joey Maxim	173½	Bob Murphy	174½	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Ruby Goldstein
6/25/1952	Joey Maxim	173	Ray Robinson	157½	TKO 14	*	Yankee Stadium	Ruby Goldstein**
12/17/1952	Archie Moore	172½	Joey Maxim	174½	unan 15	—	St. Louis Arena	Harry Kessler
6/24/1953	Archie Moore	173¾	Joey Maxim	175	unan 15	—	Municipal Stadium, Ogden	Ray Miller
1/27/1954	Archie Moore	175	Joey Maxim	174¼	unan 15	—	Orange Bowl, Miami	Cy Gottfried
8/11/1954	Archie Moore	173	Harold Johnson	172½	TKO 14	0:56	Madison Sq. Garden	Ruby Goldstein
6/22/1955	Archie Moore	175	Carl (Bobo) Olson	170¼	KO 3	1:19	Polo Grounds	Ruby Goldstein
6/5/1956	Archie Moore	174½	Yolande Pompey	171¼	TKO 10	2:50	Harringay Arena	Jack Hart
9/20/1957	Archie Moore	175	Tony Anthony	172	TKO 7	2:29	Olympic, L.A.	Mushy Callahan
12/10/1958	Archie Moore	173¾	Yvon Durelle	172	KO 11	0:49	Forum, Montreal	Jack Sharkey
8/12/1959	Archie Moore	174¼	Yvon Durelle	173	KO 3	2:52	Forum, Montreal	Jack Sharkey
6/10/1961	Archie Moore	174½	Giulio Rinaldi	173¾	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Ruby Goldstein
5/12/1962	Harold Johnson	171½	Doug Jones	171½	unan 15	—	Philadelphia Arena	David Beloff
6/23/1962	Harold Johnson	172½	Gustav Scholz	171	unan 15	—	Olympic Stadium, Berlin	Ike Powell
6/1/1963	Willie Pastrano	174	Harold Johnson	173½	split 15	—	Convention Center, Las Vegas	Jim Olivas
4/10/1964	Willie Pastrano	174¾	Gregorio Peralta	174¾	TKO 6	*	Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans	Peter Giarusso
11/30/1964	Willie Pastrano	174¾	Terry Downes	171	TKO 11	1:17	Belle Vue Stadium, Manchester	Andrew Smyth
3/30/1965	Jose Torres	171¼	Willie Pastrano	174½	TKO 10	*	Madison Sq. Garden	John LoBianco
5/21/1966	Jose Torres	175	Wayne Thornton	174	unan 15	—	Shea Stadium	John LoBianco
8/15/1966	Jose Torres	173	Eddie Cotton	173½	unan 15	—	Convention Center, Las Vegas	Nat Morgan
10/15/1966	Jose Torres	175	Chic Calderwood	175	KO 2	2:06	Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan	Teddy Martin
12/16/1966	Dick Tiger	167	Jose Torres	175	unan 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	John LoBianco
2/5/1967	Dick Tiger	167	Jose Torres	175	split 15	—	Madison Sq. Garden	Harold Valan
11/17/1967	Dick Tiger	168¼	Roger Rouse	174½	TKO 12	0:12	Convention Center, Las Vegas	Jim Olivas
5/24/1968	Bob Foster	173½	Dick Tiger	168	KO 4	2:05	Madison Sq. Garden	Mark Conn
1/23/1969	Bob Foster	171½	Frank DePaula	173	TKO 1	2:17	Madison Sq. Garden	John LoBianco
5/24/1969	Bob Foster	174	Andy Kendall	175	TKO 4	1:15	Eastern States Coliseum, West Springfield, Mass.	Bill Connelly
4/4/1970	Bob Foster	174	Roger Rouse	173½	TKO 4	*	University of Montana Fieldhouse, Missoula	Lee Sala
6/27/1970	Bob Foster	173¾	Mark Tessman	170	KO 10	2:00	Civic Center, Baltimore	Terry Moore
3/2/1971	Bob Foster	174	Hal Carroll	171½	KO 4	2:32	Catholic Youth Center, Scranton	Manny Gelb
4/24/1971	Bob Foster	170¼	Ray Anderson	172½	unan 15	—	Curtis Hixon Hall, Tampa	Lee Sala
10/29/1971	Bob Foster	174	Tommy Hicks	171	TKO 8	1:04	Catholic Youth Center, Scranton	Manny Gelb
12/16/1971	Bob Foster	174	Brian Kelly	175	KO 3	1:56	Fairgrounds Arena, Oklahoma City	Earle Kell
4/7/1972	Bob Foster	175	Vicente Rondon	175	KO 2	2:55	Convention Hall, Miami Beach	Cy Gottfried
6/27/1972	Bob Foster	173½	Mike Quarry	175	KO 4	3:10	Convention Center, Las Vegas	Harry Krause
9/26/1972	Bob Foster	174½	Chris Finnegan	173¾	KO 14	0:55	Empire Pool, Wembley	Roland Dakin
8/21/1973	Bob Foster	173	Pierre Fourie	168	unan 15	—	University Arena, Albuquerque	Jim Cleary
12/1/1973	Bob Foster	174	Pierre Fourie	167	unan 15	—	Rand Stadium, Johannesburg	Roland Dakin
7/17/1974	Bob Foster	174	Jorge Ahumada	173½	draw 15	—	University Arena, Albuquerque	Jim Cleary

*Loser failed to answer bell for round indicated. **Goldstein victim of heat exhaustion after ten rounds. Ray Miller replaced him. ref = referee's decision (sole arbiter)

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CHACON-TORRES

Los Angeles — Former WBC featherweight kingpin Bobby Chacon was far from satisfied with his lopsided ten-round win over Mexico City's Jose Torres at the Sports Arena.

Chacon admitted he wasn't in the best of condition, but nevertheless he looked impressive in the way he dominated the action.

"He was a tough fighter, but I made him look tougher than he was," said Chacon. "I had him in trouble a couple of times, but just didn't have the zip to finish him off."

The scoring was all one-sided. Referee Marty Denkin, 98-93, judge Lou Filippo, 100-91 and judge John Thomas, 99-92.

Chacon, who weighed 130½, was hoping his next outing would be against WBC super featherweight champ Alexis Arguello. Torres weighed 130¾.

The attendence was around the 2,500 figure and the gross gate was $21,640.

Other results: Alonso Gonzalez, 115, kayoed Augustine Sanchez, 112, nine, both fighters from Los Angeles; Louie Loy, 131, San Fernando, kayoed Francisco Alvarado, 127, Mexico, one; George O'Mara, 201, Los Angeles, outscored Roger Braxton, 202½, Los Angeles, four.

▲ LOS ANGELES — Everything worked right for Albert Davila as he danced his way to a ten-round decision over Eddie Logan of Detroit at the Olympic Auditorium.

Davila, one of the leading contenders for the bantamweight title, was sharp and scored well with body punches.

There were no knockdowns in the fight, but Logan suffered a cut over his right eye in the second round and his mouth was bleeding after an exchange of blows in the fourth.

The Pomóna based Davila escaped unscathed. Davila weighed 119, Logan, 119½. The victory upped Albert's record to 35-6

Judge Bobby Ring thought enough of Logan's performance to call the fight a draw, 96-96, while referee Rudy Jordan tabbed it 99-94 and judge Vince Delgado saw it 99-94.

A gathering of 4,100 paid $20,897.

In a companion ten-rounder, Oscar Muniz, 120, Montebello, outslugged southpaw Catalina Flores, 120, Manila, P.I.

Other results: Clemente Rodriguez, 133, Los Angeles, outscored Masa Higa, 135, Japan, four; Jorge Garcia, 120, Mexico, outpointed Antonio Medina, 121, Los Angeles, six.

▲ LOS ANGELES — Javier Flores, 119½, Salt Lake City, was awarded a fifth round technical knockout over Robert Merida, 120, Mexico City, in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

It was a severe cut over Merida's left eye that ended matters at 2:09 of the fifth. Up till then, Flores was well in front.

Veteran Marv Jensen manages Flores, who wants more work in Los Angeles.

The second ten-rounder on the card provided a ton of action. Alex Orejel, 133½, Bakersfield, and Roberto Vasquez, 134, Mexico City, went non-stop for ten frames with Vasquez coming on in the late rounds to eke out a close decision.

Other results: Sergio Castro, 137, Los Angeles, won a third round technical decision over Delfino Cornejo, 136, Los Angeles.

▲ LOS ANGELES — Promoter Rogelio Robles rented the Olympic Auditorium for a show featuring four Mexico City youngsters, all under the management of Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez.

In the top ten-rounder, Geraldo Pena, 128, stopped Benny Silva, 128½, San Diego, in the fourth round.

Other results: Rafael Pena, 117½, kayoed Lorenzo Ramirez, 119, Los Angeles, seven; Jose Herrera, 112½ knocked out Juan Garcia, 114, Los Angeles, eight; Javier Mendoza, 113, kayoed Enrique Castro, 114½, Los Angeles, two.

The gate was $5,760.

▲ LOS ANGELES — It was a clean sweep for the Baltazar family.

Frankie, Jr. stopped Negro Campos in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-rounder and younger brother Tony captured his fifth straight as a pro with a six-round decision over Javier Nava of Mexicali, Mexico.

Baltazar improved his record to 21-1-1 (sixteen knockouts) with his one sided victory over Campos. Frankie, Jr., is now eager for a name rival, such as Bobby Chacon.

The weights: Baltazar, 133½, Campos, 133, Tony Baltazar, 134½, Nava, 137½. The crowd at the Olympic Auditorium was estimated at 3,150.

Other results: Humberto Del Los Rios, 148, Los Angeles, kayoed Otis Bell, 147, Los Angeles, two; Memo Arreola, 129, Mexico, outscored Mike Rodriguez, 128, Los Angeles, six.

▲ PICO-RIVERA — Former kick boxer Howard Jackson, 146, Los Angeles, upset local favorite Eddie Nuno, 145, Pico Rivera, in the ten-round main event at the Sports Arena.

Other results: Aaron Morua, 117, Los Angeles, outpointed Omar Garcia, 116½, Mexico, ten; Danny Samudio, 137, Los Angeles, won a technical decision over Willie Daniels, 136, Las Vegas, four; Jesse Prieto, 219, Las Vegas, outscored Seifu Mak, 210, Los Angeles, five.

The gate was $1,667.

After six losing promotions, the City of Pico-Rivera announced that this was their final show.

▲ SAN DIEGO — Steve Delgado, 161, San Diego, opened up in the first round with a vicious assault and finally stopped Portland's Irish Paddy Wilson, 158½, early in the fifth round at the Coliseum.

It was by far the best showing locally for Delgado, who is managed by Dr. Michael Dean, well known hypnotist.

The attendance was less than one thousand fans and the gate, a modest $2,350.

▲ PICO-RIVERA — In a fight billed for the "Intermountain Heavyweight Title," Earl Tripp, 192, Las Vegas, hammered out an easy two-round knockout over Jimmy Ingram, 184, Long Beach.

In a co-feature, unbeaten Joey Olivo, 108½, Los Angeles, racked up win number twenty-one with a one-sided ten-round decision over Candy Igelasis, 110, Phoenix.

Mark Westway, 197, Los Angeles, and Roger Brackton, 195½, Los Angeles, drew six.

The crowd was around the five hundred mark at the Sports Arena.

DON FRASER

CENTRAL FLORIDA

▲ ORLANDO — Slick moves do not a winner make. Slick moves and a stinging left jab, however, provide the basic essentials involved in gaining victory, and it was those attributes that helped Chicago's Jimmy Blevins upset Larry Stanton here in one leg of a triple main event.

New Sports Stadium matchmaker Tony Gardner's first effort here, marking the end of a three-month absence of boxing in Orlando, was greeted by a vocal and enthusiastic crowd of 2,117 that saw, besides the Blevins victory, welter Jimmy Heair stop Emmet Atlas in two rounds and junior welter Chris Rizzo halt Clyde Spencer in eight.

Blevins displayed extremely fast hands and used a tremendously effective left jab to unanimously decision Stanton, who turned in a disappointingly lethargic performance, totally contradictory towards his past showings, when he would apply continuous pressure towards his opponent.

"I really can't explain my performance," said the dejected native New Yorker afterwards. "I don't know what was wrong. It just didn't come together at all."

Blevins was naturally, quite pleased with his effort. Prior to the bout, his corner had touted Stanton as the perfect opponent — a comer not afraid to go after his opponent. Blevins had more or less a field day, his hand speed totally outstripping any potential offense of Stanton's.

"It just shows what a good left hand can do. I kept him in position all night with the left," recounted Blevins, who raised his record to 11-2.

Stanton was dropped for only the second time in his career when a Blevins combo to the head did the trick in the eighth round.

Gardner had been planning on using Stanton as a major drawing card here, but Larry's showing against Blevins put those plans in limbo. Blevins, meanwhile, will return here July 24 to face Orlando's Scott Clark in the localite's first start since losing to WBA champion Pipino Cuevas.

In the evening's windup, Heair blitzed Atlas, dropping the Louisiana journeyman once in the first and twice in the second before scoring a TKO at 2:15 of that round. Atlas put on a game showing but was outgunned by the fast-starting vet from Memphis. Heair is slated to return here in August to meet Ed Modicue for the vacant southern welterweight title.

Rizzo, making his first appearance since being decisioned by Frankie Moultrie seven months earlier, masterfully outboxed Spencer, the Oklahoma State champion, until the bout was halted 2:47 into the eighth stanza, with Spencer bleeding from inside his mouth and above his nose.

In prelims, heavyweight Mike Garrahan of Orlando TKO'd Gainesville's David Starky in two rounds and welterweight Homer Jackson, also of Gainesville, copped a four-round unanimous decision from Orlando's Mickey "Alabama" Jones.

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center — Rolando Navarrete, 126¼, a 22-year-old newcomer from Manila, lived up to his advance publicity by winning a unanimous decision over his better known opponent, Frankie Duarte, 125¼, of Los Angeles, in an interesting tenner.

Navarrete won the fight on his stamina and his durability. His terrific body shots gradually took its toll and he took control of the fight from the fifth round on. Earlier in the fight Duarte landed his share of punches but was unable to slow the Filipino fighter. Duarte was decked in the tenth for the only knockdown of the fight but he got up and finished on his feet.

The scoring was lopsidedly in Navarrete's favor. Judges Ed Higa and Tommy Tomihara had 50-39 and 49-44 scores, respectively, while referee Manny Tolentino had it 50-40.

The fight was promoted by Kuwashi Enterprises, a new outfit, and drew a good 4,331 fans and grossed $31,998.00.

Flash Jagdon, 112½, Manila, easily decisioned Florencio barboza, 113¼, Mexico, ten. Edwin Alarcon, 132¾, Honolulu, chilled Virgilio Legaspi, 129, Honolulu, in three. Ely Axinto, 123, Honolulu, stopped Kouko Sunagawa, 121¾, Japan, in four. Vitolio Meredith, 141½, Samoa, TKO'd Kazunori Shiratori, 145, Japan, in six.

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center — Abdul Bey, 125½, Chicago, unanimously decisioned Enrique Solis, 126, Puerto Rico, in ten rounds. The fight was even up to the eighth, but Bey suddenly forged ahead from then on and scored five knockdowns though he was unable to land a finisher.

The fight was promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

Mark Ibanez, 137½, Honolulu, TKO'd Frank Balasi, 136¼, Philippines, in the fourth of a scheduled eight. Mauricio Aldana, 136¼, Mexico, TKO'd Alfredo Logan, 147¼, Puerto Rico, in five. Julio Rodrigues, 114, Honolulu, TKO'd Freddie Estrella, 113, Honolulu, in three. Fred Baclaan, 132, Philippines, TKO'd Raymond Kelly, 127½, Honolulu, in three. *TED YAMACHIKA*

INDIANA-OHIO

▲ CINCINNATI, OHIO — Charlie Peterson, 158½, Muncie, Indiana, won his first professional bout after four straight losses with a six-round decision over Steve Woods, 159, Covington, Kentucky. Cincinnati Gardens was the site of the fight.

▲ DAYTON, OHIO — Hara Arena was the site of a boxing match that should not have been and would not have been if Ohio or Dayton had a boxing commission. Forest "Mr. Happy" Dixon, 159, Dayton, a sixty-one-year-old ice cream salesman, promoted his own fight with eighteen-year-old Charlie Peterson, 155, Muncie, Indiana. Dixon was outclassed by Peterson and Father Time when he didn't answer the bell for the fourth round on the advice of the ring doctor. A sparse crowd of about three hundred people saw Peterson run his record to two wins with four losses. The best fighter in the arena was Eddie Spears, former Dayton pugilist, who was the third man in the ring for the scheduled ten-round mismatch.

Three exhibition bouts preceded "Mr. Happy's" attempted trip to Fantasy Island.

▲ INDIANA NEWS — Ms. Pat Barlow, local boxing judge from Indianapolis, has been awarded a promoters license in the state of Indiana.

J.B. Williamson, Indianapolis amateur boxer, represented the United States at 165 lbs. in the Pan-American games.

GARY L. MERRITT

ILLINOIS

Fight fans in Chicago were elated when plans were announced for Jose Cuevas to defend his WBA welterweight title against challenger Randy Shields. However, their joy was short-lived. After three postponements, the "contest" was abruptly cancelled when Shields was injured in training.

The handsome Californian allegedly tore some ligaments in his left elbow while sparring with Leo Saenz.

It would've been the Windy City's first championship bout since 1965, when Ernie Terrell defeated Eddie Machen for the vacant WBA heavyweight title.

The promoter, Pronesa, out of Los Angeles, felt Chicago was ripe for "big-time boxing," and that our large Mexican-American population would turn out in droves to see Cuevas.

But the pre-fight publicity was the worst I've ever seen for a championship match. In the major papers, there were no stories to "hype" the fight, just advertisements.

In addition, rigside was scaled from $100.00 down to $20.00. Far too expensive for the target audience (Mexican-Americans).

But the biggest problem was the quality of the bout in the first place. Even casual fans felt that Shields didn't have a prayer of beating Cuevas. It was obvious: Randy Shields was little more than a human sacrifice.

Pronesa claims to have blown $60,000, but vows to showcase the champion here sometime in the future. Ironically enough, Terrell handled all the local arrangements for the Californians.

Initially, he wanted cheaper tickets ($50.00 ringside). Had Pronesa listened to Terrell, this disaster might have been averted.

▲ BELLEVILLE, — After faithfully supporting amateur boxing, localites felt now was time to take the big plunge: bring in the pros. Unfortunately after doing so — they came up drenched in red ink. At $9.00 a ticket, fans stayed away in droves.

In the main-event, promising Henry Porter, 206, St. Louis, kayoed Herbert Adams, 198, Cincinnati, two.

Hard-hitting Carl Crowley, 143, Tipton, Ia., kayoed Tony Wooten, 145, St. Louis, two.

Al Fowler, kayoed Rod Kennebrew, five, in a lightweight bout, and Hans Stoffregen decisioned Rick Myers in a four-round heavyweight clash. (Exact weights and hometowns were unavailable).

▲ BRIDGEVIEW, — Promoter Ernie Terrell brought boxing back to this Chicago suburb in an effort to build the "talent" for his major cards. In the headliner, Alex Porrata, 159, Chicago, battered Akbar Ali Muhammad, 159, Chicago, into submission in eight rounds. Porrata is one of the state's best middleweights.

Dave Bradley, 174, Chicago, outbrawled Stanley Scott, 171½, Cleveland, six.

Dan Murphy, 170, Memphis, stopped comebacking Tony Fritz, 182, Chicago, two.

Ralph Twinning, 141, Muskegon, Mich., stopped Pete Podgorski, 145½, Chicago, in three. Twinning was impressive and is a good prospect.

Billy Moreno, 136, Chicago, upset Kenny Daniels, 132½, Chicago, four.

Jerry Brown, 158, Chicago, showed some nice moves beating Imara Epesi, 158, Chicago, in four.

▲ CHICAGO — After a four year pro career, tonight was to be local light heavyweight Julius Noble's moment of truth. He was matched with world-class Richie Kates.

Fortunately for Noble, Kates was unable to get off from his job. On the surface, it looked like Julius was being thrown to the wolves. Nothing in his record even hints he's ready for a fighter of Kates' caliber.

Instead, last-minute substitute Chuck Warfield wound up as Noble's opponent. Normally a light heavy, Warfield weighed in at a whopping 193, and looked like he hadn't been near a gym in months.

In the first round, Warfield staggered Julius with a hard left hook, only to be accidentally butted. Incensed, Warfield charged after the favorite, and tried to butt Noble back.

"That kid (Warfield) looks like he took private lessons from Gene Fullmer or Fritzie Zivic," chuckled one ringsider.

But Noble, who's ordinarily very mechanical, got mad. He started firing punches with both hands . . . and soon Chuck was on Queer Street. Finally, with blood streaming down his face, the veteran signalled to the referee he'd had enough.

That loss probably spells finish for Warfield's boxing career. A one-time *Ring* Magazine "Prospect of the Month" (1973), his reflexes are shot. Frightful beatings by contenders Yaqui Lopez and Eddie Gregory didn't help.

But when Chuck was in shape — which was rare — he was dangerous. His rock 'em, sock 'em brawl with then Mexican heavyweight champ Fernando Montes was brutal enough to

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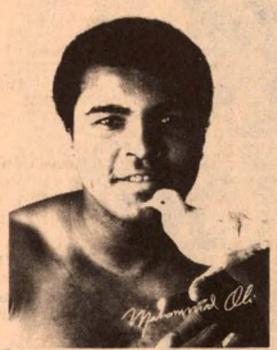

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In the semi-final, one of Chicago's best prospects, James "Quick" Tillis, 186, Chicago, stopped game George Gofarth, 185, St. Louis, in five. Tillis is very fast and has beautiful moves. Definitely a fighter to keep your eye on.

Bruce Strauss, 147, Davenport, Iowa, looked strong but ill-schooled in winning a controversial six-round verdict over Floyd Pierson, 143, Blue Island, Ill.

Roosevelt Green, 159, Chicago, flattened oft-beaten Lee Thomas, 159½, Memphis, in the first with a mean right to the body.

Terrell's card was marred by substitutions. The original main-event between local draw Luke Capuano and Henry Sims was cancelled when Sims' management objected to Capuano's being heavier than the contract weight. Capuano stalked out . . . and so did the tickets he sold.

Plus, Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, scheduled to box an exhibition to "hype" the gate for his ill-fated match with Randy Shields, refused to enter the ring. Fans had paid $25,000 for the privilege of seeing Pipino work out.

At the end of the evening, Terrell undoubtedly had one great big Excedrin headache.

▲ BRIDGEVIEW, — Fighting at home for the first time in nearly a year, Fred "Torpedo" Reed, 158, had too much finesse for trialhorse Billy Goodwin, 153, Milwaukee, over ten rounds.

Reed boxed well, hurting Goodwin with hard jabs and combinations. But the fight was far from one-sided. In the sixth, Goodwin nailed Reed with a hard right that hurt the Chicagoan and made him hang on. The decision appeared to be a mere formality, but, surprisingly, it was split.

Reed who has lost ten-round verdicts to Rico Hoye and Mike Hallacy out of town, is scheduled to fight Al Clay for the state middleweight title sometime this summer.

In the semi-final, Robert Hughes, 144, Aurora, Ill., annihilated favorite Chief Ketchinakow, 154, Chicago, in one round. Hughes was lambasting the helpless Ketchinakow along the ropes when the referee wisely halted the massacre.

Jerry Brown, 157, Chicago, kayoed hapless Danny Murphy, 173, Memphis, in one.

Good prospect Ralph Twinning, 140, Muskegon, Mich. kayoed hopelessly inept Cederick Childs, 135, Memphis, in one.

▲ RIVER GROVE, — Chicago's most popular fighter in years, George Mostardini, 216½, was slated to fight Memphis' Don Martin, in a bout nobody expected to go the distance. Unfortunately for George, Martin was hurt in training, and the man who books Martin, Irish Jimmy Cross, was reluctantly forced into battle.

Apparently, Cross had never read Mostardini's impressive clippings. The underdog hammered the so-called "Italian Assassin" like a heavy bag, nearly closing both of his eyes, before the bout was stopped in the fourth round.

Cross, 197, Memphis, in addition to being a fighter and booker, is a member of the Tennesee State Athletic Commission.

After the startling ending, Mostardini fans started to tear the arena apart. Order was quickly restored when police showed up.

Young Joe Louis, 197½, Chicago, remained unbeaten (17-0) by stopping former national Golden Glove champ Ron Draper, 201, Kansas City in the fourth round.

Tom Fisher, 214, Dayton, Ohio, got up off the deck to stop globe trotting veteran Joe Maye, 200, Hartford, Conn. in the sixth round.

Jimmy Blevins, 139½, Chicago, halted Simmie Black, 137, Memphis, in the fourth. Pound-for-pound, Blevins is one of the best fighters in Chicago, yet can't get any main events here.

In the opener, Larry Rushin, 143, Louisville, stopped Willie Settles, 148, Parkin, Ark. in the second.

▲ HIGHLAND PARK, — Chicago bluebloods gathered at Arnie's North, a posh restaurant, to wine and dine, while local gladiators provided the amusement.

Grady Daniels, 206, Sterling, Ill. finally got back in the winning side of the ledger and outpunched Jerry Thompkins, 205, Elizabeth, N.J. over ten rounds.

In the chief support, Luke Capuano, 182½, battered King George Aidoo, 180, Ghana, into submission in five rounds.

Slick boxing Henry "Quick Money" Lumpkin, 206, Chicago, scored the best win of his career by stopping veteran Charles Atlas, Bastrop, La. in the fifth.

Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings, 221½, Joliet, Ill., kayoed Dave Watkins, 205, Memphis, in the first.

▲ Hooks and Jabs . . . World-ranked lightweight Johnny Lira of Chicago has severed his managerial contract with Mike Sarge . . . Veteran local trial-horse Johnnie Heard kayoed former South American middleweight king Marcel Quinones in the eighth round in Lima, Peru . . . Fred Reed, local 160 pounder, lost a unanimous verdict to Jaimie Thomas over ten rounds in Kentucky . . . Li'l Jimmy Blevins, a good jr. welter, trounced heavy-favorite Larry Stanton over ten rounds in Stanton's hometown of Orlando, Florida. JIM BRADY

MISSOURI

▲ KANSAS CITY — There were many who believed Tony Chiaverini was making a mistake in keeping his commitment to fight unheralded but confident Ricky Zarbatany of Montreal.

Chiaverini had earlier that week signed to fight Olympic darling Sugar Ray Leonard in a ten-round nationally televised fight in Las Vegas. A victory over Zarbatany would do little to enhance the Chiaverini-Leonard matchup while a loss would almost certainly scrub the Las Vegas date.

"I don't sit around thinking about bad things," Chiaverini said two days before the Zarbatany bout. "I think about good things. I think I can beat him."

And beat him Chiaverini did — knocking the Canadian down three times en route to a sixth round knockout. Chiaverini decked Zarbatany once in the second round with a left cross, staggered him in the fifth with a left jab, sent him to the canvas early in the sixth round with a combination left hook and right jab, and finished him off with a left uppercut at 2:45 of the same round.

It was the ninth straight victory for Chiaverini, and it upped his record to 30-3-1. It was also the Shawnee, Kansas, middleweight's twenty-first knockout.

"There are punchers and there are punchers," said Dave Conchola, Chiaverini's trainer. "There are punchers who can hit you and punchers who can paralyze you. Tony is so strong, he can wobble you with a jab. Nobody can take body shots all night like he (Zarbatany) took — especially when they're that hard."

Zarbatany opened the fight with a modified peek-a-boo defense in hopes of neutralizing Chiaverini's facial attack. So the 26-year-old Kansas belter spent the first five rounds pounding away at Zarbatany's ribs and midsection. When the challenger's elbows dropped to protect his rib cage, Chiaverini shifted his attack to the head in the fifth round. At one point, Chiaverini landed seven straight right jabs while Zarbatany was on the ropes, including five to the head.

Chiaverini added four devastating uppercuts in the sixth round before referee Eloda Morrison determined that Zarbatany had had enough. The knockout was the first ever of Zarbatany and dropped his record to 21-7-2.

"I was hitting him with whatever he let me," said Chiaverini. "When he had his guard up, I went to the ribs. When he dropped it, I went to the head. I think he was getting a little confused out there. He was thinking and worrying about too many things."

The semi-windup saw Steve Homan of K. C. knock out Silvero Martinez of Texas in two. Kansas City featherweight Wardell Williams punched out a close unanimous six-round decision over Ray Menefee of Omaha. Larry Martin of K. C. kayoed Jimmy Hearns of Omaha in the first round. Richard House of St. Louis stopped Oscar Rios of Corpus Christi in two.

RICK GOSSLIN

NEBRASKA

▲ OMAHA — Fast stepping James Dixon, 187, Knoxville, Tenn., scored his second upset points win over local legend Ron Stander, 232, Council Bluffs, Ia., in a gruelling twelve-rounder, billed for the midlands heavyweight championship.

While the rest of the world had their Alis and Foremans, there was only one man who represented boxing in Nebraska and Iowa . . . Ron Stander. The burly Iowan gives his best every time out. Sadly, his best wasn't enough against rangy Dixon, who had previously scored a ten-round nod over Ron.

What it boiled down to was one thing, LEGS. Dixon had them. Ronnie didn't. Not that Stander didn't assume his usual role of aggressor; he did. Only Dixon was always just one step out of range, using amazing speed of foot to carry him out of harm's way. Stander would tire of the chase, pause momentarily, and then Dixon would strike with fast and furious flurries to head and body. By the time Stander recovered his composure, Dixon was gone and the chase would begin all over.

Dixon was awarded a unanimous decision but, it was a close, often bitterly constested battle filled with drama and pathos.

In the co-featured main event, Dale Hernandez 141, Omaha won via unanimous ten-round decision over courageous Bobby Hughes, 146, New York, N.Y. Hughes won the crowd's hearts with his gallant stand against an overwhelming oppressor. Hernandez closed Bobby's eye early, and continued a merciless pounding of the New Yorker throughout, but Hughes stood the test, fighting back desperately. Dale scored the lone knockdown late in the bout. An impressive showing for rusty Dale, now 34-2.

Charlie Evans, 139, Omaha, surprised with a TKO over tough C.B. "Buster" Brown, 132, Des Moines in the third. Bob Coolidge, 162, Minneapolis, Minn. flattened Danny Murrel, 170, Memphis for a first round kayo. Powerful Bruce Strauss, 150, Neola, Iowa appeared exhausted throughout his scheduled sixer, but won by TKO when Cicero Blake, 157, Chicago, could not come out for the final heat. Popular Lupe Guerra, 202, Co. Bluffs, won a unanimous decision over Dan Kiser, 191, Memphis, six. Guera is undefeated and showing promise.

▲ Fistic footnotes: Earl Puryear, who fought more than 300 fights during his ring career of 1909 to 1924, passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska at age ninety.

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NEVADA

▲ LAS VEGAS — The bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

And the 3-1 underdog was Rosendo Ramirez, 128, of El Monte, Calif. But Ramirez surpirsed himself and the sell-out crowd by taking a unanimous decision over Jose Valdez, 126, of Los Angeles.

Ramirez was the aggressor throughout the ten-round bout, and won the bout decisively. Judge Dave Moretti gave him a large edge, 99-91, while judges Lou Tabat and Charles Minker each scored 96-93 for Ramirez.

In a ten-round co-main event, Alex Garcia, 127½ of Los Angeles, punched out an easy unanimous decision over Francisco Ponse, 128, of Los Angeles.

In a scheduled six-round prelim, Bennet White, 225, of Carson City, Nev., scored a TKO over Lee Burkey, 195, of Las Vegas. The end came at 2:53 of the second round, when Burkey went down and his corner threw in the towel.

In the four-round card opener, Lionel "Flapping Eagle" Harney, 130 of Carson City, put the Indian sign on Louis Avila, 127, of Los Angeles; as he scored a unanimous decision. All three score cards read 40-36, in favor of Carney.

It was another Indian victory in a four round prelim, as Dennis Quimayousie, 122, of Carson City, scored a unanimous decision over Mike Rodriguez, 122, of Los Angeles.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Jacinto Fernandez, 168, came from Argentina to Las Vegas to make his mark as a middleweight fighter.

And Fernandez did just that at the Silver Slippers' Strip Fight of the Week when he won a one-sided unanimous decision over Len Harden, 168, of Rahway, New Jersey.

Fernandez nearly put his opponent away in the second round with a crushing left hook right-cross combination that had Harden staggering. But, in his eagerness to score a kayo, the Argentine fighter bumped his opponent, knocking him to the canvas, and the referee disallowed the knockdown.

Harden survived the brutal second round, but was no match for Fernandez in the remaining eight rounds. Jacinto's slick moves had Harden on the run, but he could not muster the punching power for a knockout.

In a brutal eight-round semi-main of featherweights, Francisco Alvarado, of Tucson decisioned Chocolato Reys, also of Tucson.

Alvarado was much too strong for the younger Reys, who was cut over the left eye early in the fight. Reys fighting style was hampered by his attempts to protect the cut.

In a scheduled six-round heavyweight prelim, Mike Creel of Las Vegas KO'd Dennis Haggerty of Dallas at 1:22 of the second round. Creel landed several effective punches in the first round; and finally put his opponent away in the second with a straight right that caught Haggerty square on the chin.

The light heavyweight card opener was also brief and brutal, as Niua Tofeno, of Samoa and Los Angeles, destroyed Charles "Cowboy" Roye of Las Vegas. The Cowboy was barely on his feet when the referee mercifully stopped the fight at 2:07 of the first round, and awarded the TKO to Tofeno.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Jacinto Fernandez, 163, of Santa Fe, Argentina, scored his second victory over Len Harden, 168, of Rahway, New Jersey.

The middleweight main event at the Silver Slipper was a rematch of a previous fight in which Fernandez had scored a ten-round decision.

This bout didn't take as long, and a sluggish Harden seemed defeated from the opening round. Harden failed to land any impressive punches, and was so exhausted by the fifth round that he went to the canvas twice by way of Fernandez' strong straight rights.

Harden barely survived the sixth round, after which his corner threw in the towel, giving Fernandez a TKO.

The heavyweight semi-main ended in a quick kayo, as Pinklon Thomas, 208, of Seattle, knocked out Lee Holloman, 212, of Dallas, at 2:28 of the second round.

Thomas delivered a crushing left hook that sent the Texan to the canvas, and brought the Seattle slugger's undefeated record to 7-0.

A six-round prelim of heavyweight proved to be a comedy of fisticuffs. Walter Cloud, 221, of Las Vegas tangled with Indian Lew Lockwood, 191 of Carson City, Nevada.

The taller Cloud punched and ducked and ran from the shorter, stalking Lockwood. Cloud, however, built up enough points early in the fight to win the match by a majority decision.

The opening prelim saw a Mutt and Jeff match between Tyrone Rackley, 154 of Tucson, Arizona and Steve Richardson, 150, of Trenton, New Jersey. Rackley was nearly a foot shorter in height than his opponent; but still managed to take a unanimous decision. All three judges scored the four-rounder 40-36, in favor of Rackley.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Victor "Kid Zorrita" Martinez, 147½, of Los Angeles, pounded out a unanimous decision over Francisco "Poncho" Del Toro, 148¼ of El Paso, Texas in the main event at the Silver Slipper's "Strip Fight of the Week."

Martinez, whose impressive record includes thirteen first-round knockouts; was disappointed when he was forced to fight to a decision.

He was nonetheless impressive, as he piled up points with his left jab and his dynamite left hook. He sent Del Toro to the canvas twice, first in the third round and again in the fifth.

Although he couldn't put the tough Texan away, Martinez was clearly the winner, as the judges' scorecards read: 48-42, 48-44, and 49-41, all in favor of "Kid Zorrita".

In the semi-main, Carlos Herrerra, 153, of Sanga Fe, Argentina, surprised veteran Zovek Barajas, 156, of Los Angeles, with a TKO at 1:45 of the third round.

Barajas, coming back after a year's lay off, found that his timing had suffered, and he was unable to cope with Herrerra's southpaw style.

A heavyweight prelim proved to be a pier-six type brawl between Chuck Gardner, 228, of Minneapolis and Mike Creel, 205, of Las Vegas.

Creel won the early round, punishing Gardner with his left hook and right cross. But Gardner weathered the storm and a cut over his left eye to come on strong in the fifth and final round. He broke Creel's nose with a right cross early in the round, and came away with a unanimous decision.

In a four-round prelim, Andres Montoya, 138 of Las Vegas, took a unanimous decision over Johnny Segura, 140, of Los Angeles. All three judges scored the fight 20-16 in favor of Montoya.

The heavy weight card-opener resulted in a draw between Walter Cloud, 220, of Long Beach, Calif. and Lee Holloman, 210, of Dallas, Texas.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Miguel Estrada, 136½, of El Paso Texas, put up a tremendous battle, but couldn't manage a victory over opponent Rogelio Castenada, 136, of Los Angeles.

The lightweight battle was the main event at The Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Estrada got off to a quick start by sticking, jabbing and moving. But once Castenada applied pressure, Estrada slowed down, and the change in tactics cost him a split decision.

Castenada was down briefly in the third round, but went on to become the aggressor in the later rounds. He rocked Estrada in the 8th round with a straight right, and then a left-right combination.

Castenada continued his attack in the ninth and tenth rounds, pinning Estrada to the ropes several times.

Judge Bob Martin scored the fight 49-41, and Judge Art Lurie 48-43, both for Castenada. Judge Mike Kaplan saw it 46-45 for Estrada.

The scheduled six-round semi-main ended quickly as Chocolato Rayles, 120, of Tucson, Arizona, kayoed Omar Garcia, 116, of Juarez Mexico at 2:09 of the second round. Referee Richard Greene stopped the fight after Garcia was decked for the third time in the round.

The luck of the Irish eluded "Irish" Pat Barry, 146 of Las Vegas. Barry was virtually helpless against the onslaught of Idika Nsofor, 148, of Las Vegas, and Nsofor was awarded a six-round unanimous decision.

In an exciting prelim, Niua Tofoeno, 175, of Samoa and Los Angeles, kayoed Gary Yeats, 169, of Reno, Nevada at 2:11 of the third round. It was the Samoan's third straight kayo in as many bouts.

In the card opener, Andres Montoya, 138, kept his unbeaten record by winning a majority decision over Roberto Garcia, 135½ of Los Angeles.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Argentine middle weight Jacinto Fernandez was superior in winning a tough ten-round decision over Las Vegan Len Harden at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Fernandez, 158, now fighting out of Tucson, Arizona, set up Harden, 162, late in the second round with a left jab and then a right to the jaw. Harden was down for an eight-count, but managed to survive the round.

Fernandez left jab and long reach kept Harden at bay

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throughout the early rounds.

Harden rallied a bit in the middle rounds, but Fernandez came on strong again in the latter rounds to score a unanimous decision.

In the semi-main event, Francisco Alvarado, 127, of Tucson, won a unanimous decision over Chocolato Reyles, also 127, of Tucson.

It was the second time that Alvarado had beaten Reyles. He won the first time on a split decision and had to come off the canvas twice. However, there were no knockdowns in this bout.

In a heavyweight prelim, Mike Creel, 206, of Las Vegas, kayoed Dennis Haggerty, 190, of Dallas, in a brief 1:22 of the second round.

Another six-round prelim ended in a draw between Willie "Duke" Daniels, 137 of Las Vegas, and Jose Valdez, 139, of Los Angeles.

In a four-round card opener, Charles (Cowboy) Roye, 175 of Las Vegas, was totally unable to cope with his opponent, Niua Tofoeno, 176½ of Samoa. Roye was knocked to the canvas immediately in the first round. Although he got to his feet, he was unable to resume fighting, and the fight was stopped at 2:07 of the first.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Philadelphia heavyweight Randy Mack punched out an easy ten-round decision over Terry Mims of Cleveland in the top half of a triple main event in the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Stablemate Johnny Carter, 116½, also emerged with a unanimous decision — over Jose Vellegas, 116, of Los Angeles.

Carter had too much speed for Vellegas; and his sticking and moving kept the stocky Vellegas off balance for most of the ten rounds. It was Vellegas' fourth loss in ten fights.

The third of the main events was a barn burner, with the obvious victor defeated by the referee's rash decision.

Leroy Jefferson, 149, of Philadelphia, and Pablo Baes, 148, of Los Angeles, gave the crowd a pier-six type of brawl. Both fighters landed a barrage of punches against the other; but it was Jefferson who was the more aggressive. Jefferson was leading on all score cards when he suffered severe facial cuts in the seventh round. Jefferson was otherwise undamaged, but the fight was stopped by referee Joey Curtis with just two seconds remaining in the seventh round.

An eight-round card opener of featherweights saw undefeated Lloyd Allen, 128, take a unanimous decision over Francisco Alvarado, 129, of Tucson, Arizona. The win brings Allen's record to 6-0.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Fili Ramirez, 134, of Los Angeles, scored a fifth round TKO over Danny Patino, 135 of Los Angeles, in the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Patino, who had been trailing on the cards of all three judges, suffered a broken right hand early in the fifth round. He managed to rally in the final moments of the round; but his corner threw in the towel before the sixth round bell.

This was the third bout between the two fighters, with Ramirez winning an earlier six-rounder in Las Vegas; and Patino taking a 10-rounder in Bakersfield.

The ten-round co-main event resulted in a draw between Chocolato Rayles, 121½ of El Paso, Texas, and Ricardo Varela, 120, of Los Angeles.

The fight was close all the way, but Reyles led until the 10th round, when Varela unleashed a series of blows to his head. The barrage gained Varela a draw instead of a loss.

In a scheduled eight-round prelim, Francisco Elvarado, 128, of Tucson, Arizona, stopped Miguel Ruiz, 130, of Tijuana, Mexico at the end of the sixth round.

Alvarado started slow — but began punishing his opponent in the third round with a series of blows to the head and body. The fight was stopped at the end of the sixth round by referee Davey Pearl.

A scheduled six-round card opener was also stopped by the referee. Joey Robles, 146, of Los Angeles, pounded opponent Ramon Blanco, 146¼ of Tijuana, Mexico, into near-submission. Blanco was defenseless by the fourth, and referee Harry Krause stopped the fight at forty seconds into the round.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Rosendo Ramirez, 127, of Pasadena California, managed to survive five rounds with a badly cut eye against Juan "Kid" Mesa, 126 of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mesa inflicted the cut early in the fight, and re-opened the injury in the fourth round. He kept pounding at Ramirez' eye in the fifth; and the Californian was unable to continue.

The fight was stopped after the fifth round by referee Buddy Basilico and ring physician, Dr. Donald Romeo.

A strange series of events marked a six-round preliminary between Idika Nsofor, 145, of Las Vegas and Louis Daniels, 143, also of Las Vegas.

Early in the third round, Daniels slipped on the canvas, but was nevertheless given an eight-count by referee Harry Krause. Near the end of the round, Daniels fell to the canvas after a crunching blow to the head by Nsofor. Although Daniels s ed to be completely out, referee Krause insisted that he "get up and fight." Daniels managed to get up and cover for five seconds before the bell ended the round.

Daniels, although badly shaken, managed to survive for the rest of the six-round bout, but lost a close unanimous decision to Nsofor. All cards read 57-56.

In an eight-round semi-main event, Danny Patino, 135½, of Los Angeles, took an easy unanimous decision from Tim Martinez, 135, of Los Angeles.

The scheduled six-round card opener ended at two minutes into the second round with a kayo by Juan Domingez, 128, of Trenton, New Jersey, over Francisco Pico, 126½, of Los Angeles.

▲ LAS VEGAS — In a battle for the Nevada cruiserweight championship, S.T. Gordon, 190, of Los Angeles, emerged the victor with a seventh round kayo of Las Vegan Earl Tripp, 187⅔.

Gordon, intent on avenging an earlier loss to Tripp by decision, was the agressor from the opening bell. The relative newcomer to boxing showed impressive speed and punching power.

Tripp was severely hampered by a cut over his left eye. The cut had been sustained two weeks earlier, when Tripp kayoed Jimmy Ingraham in Los Angeles.

Gordon immediately went to work on the unhealed scar tissue, and the re-opened cut took Tripp's concentration away from the fight.

Tripp failed to land any significant punches, and was outboxed by the savage, slugging Gordon.

Tripp hit the canvas at the end of the seventh round. Said his manager, Stan Tischler, "He just couldn't seem to get off in this fight".

In an eight-round semi-main, Willie "Duke" Daniels, 136½, of Las Vegas, took a majority decision over Roberto Garcia, 134½ of Los Angeles. Judge Hal Miller scored 74-78, and Judge Dalby Shirley scored 75-77, both in favor of Daniels. Judge Duane Ford, however, saw the fight as a draw at 76-76.

A six-round prelim saw the advent of an impressive new talent: Fred Roach, 124, of Boston, Massachusetts. The feisty featherweight was in control throughout, landing punches and stalking his opponent to the ropes. The opponent, Ney Santiago, 128, of Los Angeles, was no match for Roach; and the fight was finally stopped at 1:03 of the sixth round.

The opening bout resulted in a unanimous decision, with Tyrone Rackley, 152, of Tucson, Arizona, as the victor over Steve Richardson, 152, of Trenton, N. J. *SHIRLEY NORMAN*

NEW YORK-FELT FORUM

▲ NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — Gerald Cooney, 221, scored the most impressive victory of his career (so far) by knocking out Tom Prater, 201, in the second round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

The first round was even, as Cooney was content to feel Prater out. Tom probed Gerry with some jabs, but didn't do any damage to the 6'4" Irishman, who sent back some shots of his own.

In the second round, Cooney followed up two left hooks to the body with a right hand to the chin to send Tom to the canvas near the ropes. He lay there, dead to the Felt Forum, as the towel fluttered out of his corner and referee Tony Perez stopped the contest at 2:13 of the session.

It was Cooney's eighteenth straight win, his sixteenth knockout. Prater, who went eight rounds with Larry Holmes in 1977, suffered his fourteenth loss against eighteen wins and two draws.

In the scheduled ten-round co-feature, New York's John Lo Cicero, 160, sent Ray Villanueva, 159, Puerto Rico, to the deck twice in the second round before referee Herb Kronowitz signalled the end at 1:14. Lo Cicero scored his ninth kayo in sixteen fights. John, a crowd pleasing banger, is becoming almost a fixture at the Forum.

In an eight-round bout, Eddie Davis, 176, originally from Santo Domingo but now fighting out of the Cooney stable and living in Hempstead, Long Island, won what was announced as a majority decision over Luis Guzman, 178, Dominican Republic. Davis looked to be an easy winner.

Three four-rounders opened the bill. In the first, Robert Evans, 214, Jersey City, won a unanimous decision over Calvin Langston, 189, New York, putting Langston down in the last round. The evening's second bout saw Santos Cruz, 125, New York spoil the pro debut of Juan Guzman, 127, Dominican Republic, by stopping him at the end of two. The third battle saw J.C. Moody, 172, another "virgin," make his debut much more happily, winning a unanimous decision over Gene Mordreaux, 175, Jersey City.

The referees were Herb Kronowitz, Tony Perez, and Vincent Rainone. Nick Gamboli and John Mascio were the judges, and the timekeeper was Fred Abbatiello. Paid attendance was 1,653 and the gross receipts were $14,216.83. *H.GOLDMAN*

NEW YORK AND VICINITY

▲ COMMACK, LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Long Island Arena — Jimmy Winters, Long Island's leading promoter, put on his second card in two months at the Arena, which is like greased lightning considering the infrequent appearances of cards out here, due mostly to the fact that the main events usually hinge on the availability of a select group of local idols.

Irish Bobby Cassidy, 181, still draws the crowds out here, even though it looks like he will never get that title shot. He is thirty-five years old, and coming back after a fifteen-month layoff. This was his second bout under the new management of Mike Rappaport, who handles heavyweight Gerry Cooney, lightweight Howard Davis, and others. The split from his longtime mentor, Paddy Flood, wasn't an amicable one, based on Flood's inability to find local opponents for Bob. This night, the old veteran abandoned his usual box-punch style and turned wild stevedore, battering Memphis, Tenn., import Dan Kaiser, 180½, into a TKO loss at one minute of the second round. Cassidy just waded in and belted away with roundhouse hooks and Kaiser wasn't able to get away from the surprise of it all. After taking two short counts in the first heat, Kaiser was decked on his knees by a thudding combination in the second. He got up, but Cassidy was all over him and ref Billy Graham stopped it. "I was off for fifteen months and I wanted to prove to myself I still had power in my punches," was Cassidy's explanation for his complete reversal in style. He certainly made the crowd happy with the change. Now, even if he can't get the title shot, perhaps he can get some money matches, as the new owners seem determined to keep the veteran active. Kaiser slumped to 10-3. Cassidy is a southpaw, but his left hook was the major persuader tonight.

It was also the second comeback fight for ruff-tuff lightweight Larry Stanton. Stanton had a string of important fights in the Garden last year, lost most of them by a hair, and ap-

parently let it get to him a mite. But he's back, looking like he'd been through a small mill but apparently not lacking the continuous punching style that has made him a man to be reckoned with. What Stanton needs right now are decent workouts, and Marvin Edwards, 140, Philadelphia, provided him with one. Edwards kept the bulling Stanton tied up on numerous occasions without making a bad fight out of it. Stanton, 138, won most or all of the rounds, but Edwards kept him hopping and it wasn't an easy match. Stanton needed the thrill of the chase the bout provided. He can come back if he stays hungry, if he *wants* that opponent. If Stanton didn't get any rest, neither did Edwards, and he started eroding under the relentless pressure by the fifth round, when Stanton blasted four rights to his head in a row. By the eighth, Stanton had Edwards pretty well siphoned, and Marvin went down from a combination punch and trip. Another knockdown from a perfect right chop to the chin and a third from just plain exhaustion gave Stanton an automatic TKO at 1:28 of the eighth. Stanton's comeback should be watched with interest. He remains a crowd-pleaser first and last, and we need that type of fighter. Stanton, incidentally, almost blew the kayo because he forgot to go to a neutral corner on two of the knockdowns.

There were seven prelim bouts: John Davis, 172½, Hempstead, L.I., New York, won an easy six-round verdict over Kid Samson, 178, Philadelphia. Tom Molloy, 166, Huntington, L.I., New York, outscored Sam Bell, 165, Philadelphia, four. Irish Wayne Kelly, 181, Garden City, L.I., New York, TKO'd Alvin Bracy, 174½, Philadelphia, 2:46 of first. Big Mike Garrahan, 238½, Eastport, L.I., New York, made his pro debut by stopping Jack Flowers, 181, Philadelphia, 1:00 of first. Malik Muhammad, 159, Philadelphia, TKO'd Clifford Smith, 149, Philadelphia, 0:54 of first. Pat Brennan, 131, Freeport, L.I., New York, knocked out Derrick Wheeler, 135, Philadelphia, 2:54 of second. Pete Brodsky, 179, Westbury, L.I., New York, outpointed Ralph Cuomo, 179½, East Meadow, L.I., N.Y., four.

▲ NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — Audobon Ballroom — "What is there about this place that brings out the animal in fighters?" I asked the promoter Nancy Sciacca (and anybody else I could collar). She and they didn't know. But after spending the winter promoting in Florida and Atlantic City, New York's lone female promoter came back to the old Audobon with a small club card of about eight bouts — all of them vicious, draining, paralyzing knockouts. A roaring mob of what looked like three hundred customers was delighted with the abbatoir of an evening. Sciacca's cards have always been marked by superb matchmaking, and she has the highest level of consistency among any area promoter for staging money's-worth bouts.

The fighters in the eight bouts have not progressed beyond local popularity yet, but all of them looked like they were on their way — the winners, that is. The nominal main event was Jose Pena's third-round TKO of import Gilbert Garza, San Antonio, Texas, 122, in a featherweight bout. Pena is ranked high by the WBA (and nobody else) and lost a hot decision to Davey Vasquez in the Felt Forum this May. So he had a small rep among local fight fans. Garza was just one of those semi-average Texas windmills — if you wait for him, they're easy. Pena bided his time and threaded his initial hard blows with amazing accuracy, then opened up and gave Garza a terrific beating in a corner for the last half of round two. Garza proved to have a deadly fondness for the ropes, where he took another beating in round three before Pena floored him with a whooshing right to the solar plexus. Garza hauled himself up at eight, took six hard shots to the head, and was excused by the referee at 2:41 of the round.

In the semi-final, Carmelo Negron, 128¼, Puerto Rico, featherweight knockout artist with a mean streak as wide as a California freeway, upped his record to 10-0 (nine kayoes), with a first round shredding of Mexican veteran Jose Luis Medrano, 130¼. Negron is a unique knockout artist for this modern age — he concentrates on the body. Two minutes and fifty-four seconds of body punches were all he could take, as he fell, tried to get up four times, and fell back four times. His stomach refused to be moved. Negron, however, may be growing out of the feather division.

Miguel Hernandez, 147, Brooklyn, made an even faster work of fading New England vet Charlie Benjamin, 149½, Hartford, Conn., screeching Charlie to a halt with a first round TKO at 2:26. Benjamin was floored with a body punch, jumped up, and was subjected to Dempsey-Willard slaughtering. Hernandez mashed him like a stick of butter, seemingly leaving indentations wherever he landed. Benjamin was cancelled after the second knockdown, then strolled to a neutral corner and jumped out of the ring feet first, landing square and walking the long way to the dressing room.

Victor Mangual, 141, of Puerto Rico, another local favorite of the Barrio, had some trouble with Jose Roman, 147, Puerto Rico, before stopping him at 1:35 in the fifth of a scheduled sixer. Mangual had plenty of height and reach on Roman, but the latter was one of those baby bulls who lumber forward against lots of odds and awkward you into exhaustion, or try to. It was Roman's only choice — the top of his head barely reached Mangual's adams apple. Roman landed some good hip shots, but Mangual fought a waiting battle and in the fourth discovered that Roman was a sucker for a left counter. A right followed by such a punch decked Roman in the fifth and he aged years in minutes. The referee halted it fast.

Manuel DeLaRosa, 136¼, Dominican Republic, iced Reggie James, 138, Newark, at a fast 1:34 of the opening session with a deadly short right to the jaw on the first of two knockdowns. The opening was the crusher.

Norberto Sabater, 159¾, a local midddleweight of normally pacifistic nature, pulled a surprise kayo of Roy Crump at 1:04 of the second round. It rapidly turned into a grudge slugfest, with Crump unhappy about Norberto's borderline body hooks. Sabater finally finished Crump with a left hook to the head. Crump swung a hard right and then collapsed on his face in a classic delayed reaction.

Jose Adonis Torres, 122¼, Bronx, came from behind to bust up Melvin Bethea, 120¾ and win by a fourth round TKO. Bethea took the first, Torres the second and third — decking Bethea at the close of the third. Bethea charged out for the fourth and belted Torres all over the ring, but Torres came back to score another knockdown. The referee then thought Bethea too exhausted to continue the gruelling bout.

Curtis Harris, 134, Patterson, N.J., knocked out Herman Boyd, 126½, Newark, at 1:21 of the opening round.

CHARLES D. BROWN

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

▲ SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Sugar Ray Seales and Mike Colbert boxed a draw. The judges voted 117-114 for Colbert, 119-118 for Seales and 117-117.

Both fighters weighed 158½ pounds for the twelve-rounder, which drew 4,300 fans, grossing $30,000. The card was promoted by Mike Maloon of Asian Enterprises.

Seattle's Larry Frazier, 229½, won the Pacific Northwest Heavyweight title by stopping Lee Black, 210, Seattle, at 1:06 of the first round. However, undefeated Seattle heavyweight, Pinklon Thomas, must be reckoned with before championship recognition becomes popular.

Prelims: C.J. Brown, 160, Springfield, Oregon, knocked out Hudson Jackson, 159, Everett, Washington, in the fourth round. Frank Moultrie, 130, Portland, Oregon, TKO'd Gary Ferrari, 126, Seattle, at forty seconds of the second round. Manny Gonzlaes, 139½, Seattle, TKO'd Danny Patino, 139, Los Angeles, at 1:35 of the third round.

▲ P.N.W. Fighters In Action — Dale Grant, 177, Tacoma, Washington, met a tough customer in Tommy Evans of Richmond, California, in a scheduled ten-round main event in Oakland. Grant won the opening rounds, but was eventually stopped in the seventh round by the heavier Californian . . . Portland's Frankie Moultrie, who checked Gary Ferrari's comeback at a recent Seattle show, journeyed to Las Vegas for a ten-round main event. Moultrie stopped Jamie Nava, 135, Los Angeles, in the sixth round.

RUGGLES LARSON

TEXAS

▲ HOUSTON — Sam Houston Coliseum — Southpaw Juan Escobar stopped "Lobo" Montoya in the fifth round of a featherweight main event. Escobar was decked in the third stanza, but arose and pummelled Montoya until the bout's conclusion. Both of these gents are Mexican nationals.

In the semi-final clash, Elias DeLeon of Mexico had a surprisingly tough time in decisioning Calvin Sheppard of Beaumont in a bantam ten. DeLeon was awarded an unanimous decision, with his much greater experience being the prime factor in the outcome.

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In the evening's other bouts: Hector Cortez of Equador raised his record to a reported 53-2 with a fifth round kayo of Manny Castillo of Mexico. Cortez tipped the Toledos for this bout at 123, and Castillo at 126½. "Sweet" Raymond Boyd, the self styled "pink panther", took another step along the comeback trail as he iced veteran trail horse Adolph Rivas of San Antonio in the third round of a welterweight bout. In a lightweight prelim bout, Juan Venegas of Houston embalmed one Jose B. Carmona of Mexico in the third round.

▲ HOUSTON — Sam Houston Coliseum —

What started out as a beautiful idea turned sour for promoter Bill Meyer and his Olympiad International Group, as only two-hundred-fifty fans showed up. Further complicating things was the fact that the evening's profits were going to the Progressive Amateur Boxing Association, a non-profit youth group sponsored by the Rev. Ray Martin.

Due to the sparse turnout, the main event featuring welterweights Raul Aguirre and Danny Donatto; and a bout featuring jr. flyweight Joey Olivo were cancelled. The fans were given the choice of a refund or staying to see the remaining bouts. Results were as follows: Aundra "Blood" Love copped a unanimous decision over Gilbert Galvan of San Antonio in a welterweight six; and Eddie Carter split decisioning Rene Pagan in a middleweight clash. Carter hails from Beaumont with Love and Pagan calling Houston home.

In a light heavy "encounter", Willie Smith of Natchez, Mississippi —billed this evening as Muhammed Ali—was stopped in thirty seconds of the first round by Milton Jarrell of Houston. Jarrell is now 1-1.

▲ BEAUMONT — Civic Center —

Nearly forty three hundred fans were on hand to welcome local hero James "Bubba" Busceme back into the ring after a near four-year layoff. The southpaw lightweight thoroughly trounced Roberto Tijerina of Dallas and finally starched him at the midpoint of the second round. Roberto was out cold for a full minute and needed considerable help to make it to the dressing room, but at last report he had survived with no ill effects. Busceme, a four-time national Golden Gloves champ, and a representative of the U.S. at the 1972 Olympics, showed little signs of rustiness — and is only a few bouts away from offering tough competition to the tops that the lightweight division has to offer.

In the scheduled ten round semi-final event, Wilford Scypion of Port Arthur stopped veteran Arnell Thomas of Memphis in the second round. Wilford raised his record to 9-0 (all knockouts) with this impressive showing.

Three scheduled six-rounders opened the show. Willis Kelly of Port Arthur decisioned stocky Archie Hill of Baytown in a light heavy match. Local amateur standout Roger Roggenkamp t-kayoed Ward Jones of Dallas in the third round of a lightweight match. This was a fine showing for Roggenkamp in his pro debut. In the evening's feature prelim, local heavyweight Vernon Johnston won a highly unpopular split decision over Bruce Scott of Port Arthur. Scott landed many more blows in this clash, but they lacked the authority of Johnston's. A rematch between these two fellows is planned in the near future.

This was the first card promoted at Beaumont Civic Center by the new Worldwide Promotions organization. Though there

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Mike Weaver (Calif.)
1. Earnie Shavers (Ohio)
2. John Tate (Tenn.)
3. Ken Norton (Calif.)
4. Leroy Jones (Colo.)
5. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
6. Ossie Ocasio (P.R.)
7. Ron Lyle (Colo.)
8. Jimmy Young (Pa.)
9. Gerrie Cooney (N.Y.)
10. Michael Dokes (Ohio)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
2. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
3. James Scott (N.J.)
4. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
5. Eddie Gregory (N.Y.)
6. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
7. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
8. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
9. Vonzell Johnson (Ohio)
10. Jerry Martin (Pa.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marvin Hagler (Mass.)
1. Mike Colbert (Ore.)
2. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
3. Ray Seales (Wash.)
4. David Love (Calif.)
5. Bennie Briscoe (Pa.)
6. Dwight Davidson (Mich.)
7. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
8. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
9. Mike Baker (Wash., D.c.)
10. Rudy Robles (Calif.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)
1. Angel Espada (P.R.)
2. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
3. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
4. Johnny Sullivan (Ore.)
5. Alvin Anderson (Md.)
6. Wilson Bell (Mich.)
7. Freddie Johnson (La.;
8. Roger Leonard (Md.;
9. Melvin Dennis (Texas)
10. Ken Croom (Calif.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
1. Ray Leonard (Md.)
2. Tommy Hearns (Mich.)
3. Manuel Jimenez (P.R.)
4. Andy Price (Calif.)
5. Carlos Palomino (Calif.)
6. Sammy Ayala (Texas)
7. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)
8. Adolpho Viruet (P.R.)
9. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
10. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Saoul Mamby (N.J.)
2 .Esteban De Jesus (P. R.)
3. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
4. Bruce Curry (Texas)
5. Jimmy Corkum (Mass.)
6. Tony Petronelli (Mass.)
7. Curtis Ramsey (Ore.)
8. Willie Rodrguez (Pa.)
9. Ruby Ortiz (N.Y.)
10. Jimmy Heair (Miss.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
2. Howard Davis Jr. (N.Y.)
3. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
4. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
5. Andrew Ganigan (Hawaii)
6. Herman Montes (Calif.)
7. Hilmer Kenty (Ohio)
8. Eddie Viruet (P.R.)
9. Reynaldo Zaragonza (Calif.)
10. Gonzalo Montellano (Calif.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Arturo Leon (Ariz.)
4. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
5. Jerome Artis (Pa.)
6. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
7. Luke Ervin (N.J.)
8. Alex Alatore (Calif.)
9. Jerry Kornele (Texas)
10. Roy Hernandez (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Mike Ayala (Texas)
2. Abdul Bey (Calif.)
3. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)
4. Fel Clemente (Calif.)
5. Warren Matthews (La.)
6. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
7. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
8. Jose Nieto (N.Y.)
9. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
10. Alfonso Evans (Pa.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
2. Javier Flores (Utah)
3. David Ramalho (Mass.)
4. William Berry (N.J.)
5. Rocky Lockridge (Wash.)
6. Earl Large (Ariz.)
7. Derrik Holmes (Va.)
8. Eddie Logan (Calif.)
9. Cookie Valencia (Utah)
10. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Julian Solis (P.R.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Alberto Sandoval (Calif.)
5. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
6. Jeff Chandler (Pa.)
7. Andres Torres (P.R.)
8. Artemo Jerome (Calif.)
9. Ignacio Osorio (Calif.)
10. David Capo (N.Y.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jensen (Nev.)
4. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
5. Fred Jackson (Tenn.)
6. John Carter (Ill.)
7. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
8. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
9. Candelario Inglesias (Ariz.)
10. Arturo Tebaqui (Ariz.)

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were some of the usual first show problems, Worldwide and especially promotions co-ordinator Randy Carrillo are to be congratulated on a real first class show.

▲ BEAUMONT — Civic Center —

A sparse, but enthusiastic, crowd was on hand to see the third presentation by the Beaumont Olympiad Promoters. The main event saw Otis Gordon, 170 of Houston, raise his record to 17-5 with a fourth round stoppage of Manuel Elizondo, 172 of Mexico. Gordon, the Texas light heavy champ, dominated throughout — and finally lowered the boom for keeps with a straight right at 1:02 of the fourth stanza. Gordon now hopes for a shot against David (Maceton) Cabrera, the Mexican light heavy champ.

The scheduled ten-round co-feature saw oft-defeated heavyweight Ernie "Big E" Smith score a major upset when he stopped veteran slugger Terry Kreuger at the 0:45 mark of the eighth round. Smith, behind the stiff left jab and a crushing right hand, tattooed Krueger's face at will. Though Smith did hit the canvas in the sixth round, Krueger's bloody features and his inability to keep away from Smith's blows gave ref Mark Tessman no other choice but to stop matters. For "Big E", his best showing in a long time, perhaps ever. For Krueger, perhaps the end of the road.

The evening's top prelimbout saw Eddie Gonzales' win streak come to a halt at eight when he was stopped in the fifth round of this light heavy clash by Grover Robinson of Dallas. The twenty-year-Gonzales decked Grover in the third round, but had difficulty keeping out of range of Robinson's blows all night long. Eddie was down twice in the fifth and was absorbing quite a pounding along the ropes when matters were halted. In Gonzales' corner was his dad, former welterweight contender Manny Gonzales, and in the victorious Robinson's corner was his trainer, former world welter kingpin Curtis Cokes.

A scheduled light heavy six saw Archie Hill of Baytown stop Dennis Byette of Shreveport Louisiana. The scheduled four round curtain raiser saw Butch Smith of Shreveport halt southpaw James Phillips of Dallas in the third round of a junior welter match. Hill, Boyette, and Smith were all making their debuts in the punch for pay ranks this evening. *C.A. JACKSON*

EASTERN CANADA

▲ MONTREAL — After the championship bout held here at the Forum between Fernand Marcotte Jr., Canadian middleweight champion, and unbeaten challenger Eddie Melo, they had to update the record books. The fight attracted an official attendance of 15,584 fans to set a new record for an indoor fight, $256,685 dollars at the gate broke all existing records, and the two fighters received the largest purse money ever for Canadian fighters fighting in Canada. Marcotte received $64,171 while Melo picked up $51,337 for his end. Six days prior to the fight, the promotion had taken in $225,000 to pass the break even mark of $180,000. Promoter Fred Verroneau and matchmaker Regis Levesque knew they had a winner on their hands when five thousand tickets were sold the first day they went on sale. During the final week of training, both fighters were under the 160-pound limit and they packed the gym daily when doing their workouts. Marcotte was made a 7-5 favorite prior to fight time despite the fact that he was fighting a challenger more than ten years his junior. The championship fight from the initial bell to the final seconds of the twelfth and final round was a real "barn burner." The huge crowd on hand had come to see the younger, aggressive Melo relieve the aging Marcotte of his title. To their surprise, Marcotte fought a real champion's fight. He dictated throughout and brought forth a thunderous ovation from the fans when the decision was announced. Marcotte started off at a fast clip and although he was cut over the left eye by a swinging punch from Melo in the second round, still won two of the first four sessions. Keeping a tight hand on the fight, Marcotte continued to score well with straight right hand punches and uppercuts, and when the challenger tried to get in close, it was the champion who outfought him. Melo switched to some fancy footwork after the midway point, but it failed to impress Marcotte who just kept coming in and doing the job. Marcotte was bleeding from his cut eye and nose, which bothered him at times, and it was the good work of Marcotte, Sr., working in his son's corner, that carried the day. With very little to choose between the two contestants in rounds ten and eleven, the fight became very close. It was not until the final round that a great flurry of punches by Marcotte decked Melo, who took a standing eight count on regaining his feet. That was enough for Marcotte to keep the pressure on until the final bell. At the conclusion of the fight, judge Desmond Green had it 55-54 for Marcotte and judge Bruno Beaudry called it 57-55 for Marcotte, while judge Jacques Mailhot had it even at 55-55. Showing battle marks on his face after the fight, Marcotte had praise for his tough, younger opponent, but emphasized the point that he had made the challenger fight his kind of fight. The management of Melo made the weak excuse that Melo had broken his right hand in a previous fight against Bunny Avila a month earlier and they thought that it would have healed before the Melo fight. No way could Melo have trained prior to the fight and passed the medical examination of the Montreal Athletic Commission had he been suffering any kind of a hand injury. The injured hand alibi is the most commonly used by trainers and managers who lack the knowledge and experience required to protect their fighter's most valuable asset, his hands. Melo, who had to lose weight to make the required 160 pounds, took on excess poundage too soon and a week prior to the fight had to watch his weight and continue daily training. By fight time, he had lost a lot of energy and did not fight as he had in the past with no weight problems. The clean, direct blows scored by Marcotte took a lot of bounce out of Melo as the fight progressed. In his first championship bout, Melo gave it all he had, but it was not enough against Marcotte, whose performance was the best ever in his professional career. This could be Melo's last fight as a middleweight.

In the semi-final bout over eight rounds, Canadian lightweight champion Gaetan Hart (Quebec) was a decision winner over an out of condition Nicky Furlano (Toronto), who fell apart after four rounds. In six-round welterweight bouts, Mario Cusson (Montreal) was a unanimous winner over Ron Erickson (Toronto), Vinnie Curto (Montreal) was a decision winner over Ralph Hollett (Halifax), and Reynald Savard (Quebec) was a unanimous winner over Marty Coll (Halifax).

▲ MONTREAL — It is with deep regret that this writer has to report the sudden death of Harry Hurst, the former Montreal fighter. Harry collapsed on the lawn outside of the University of Montreal. Paramedics worked on him, but he was pronounced dead in St. Mary's Hospital from a massive heart attack. He was sixty one years old. Harry Hurst was born May 26, 1918 in Manchester, England of Jewish parents. His family settled here in Montreal. In 1934, he began his amateur career and in 1938 he was a Silver Medal winner in the B.E. Games. Turning pro in 1939, he ran a string of twenty three unbeaten fights before dropping a decision to Sammy "The Clutch" Angott. He was managed by Maurice Foreman. In 1942, Harry was with the R.C.A.F. and saw service overseas, returning to Canada in 1945. In seventy pro bouts, Hurst was stopped only three times. His great fights with Dave Castilloux, Gus Mell and Johnny Greco were the highlights of his career. Upon retirement from the ring, he worked for the same company for more than thirty years. His last ring appearance took place in Montreal in Nov., 1978 in an exhibition bout with Tony Zale, former world middleweight champion.

▲ TORONTO — One of the best kept secrets by the Toronto news media of late was any pre-fight coverage concerning Clyde Gray's trip to Sacramento to fight Pete Ranzany. Although the fight was billed as for the North American welterweight championship, it made little difference to the news media, who failed to generate any interest whatever. The fight itself was not a good one for Gray, who suffered his eighth loss in seventy-one bouts when the fight was halted in the fifth round with Clyde cut over the left eye. With thirty-four seconds of the round remaining, the referee called a halt to the proceedings. After four rounds, all three officials had Ranzany ahead by a score of 40-37. A week after the fight, in a release to the Toronto news media, Gray was talking of retirement later this year. Before that, he would like to defend his Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight titles. Chris Clarke (Halifax), the leading Canadian welterweight contender, shows no desire to fight Gray for the title. He is young enough to wait and inherit the crown.

▲ WINNIPEG — In a very dull, boring ten-round heavyweight bout, Leroy Caldwell (Milwaukee) was awarded the decision over Canadian heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick (Halifax). There were no knockdowns, and the fans showed their displeasure by booing while the bout was in progress. The following day, the Manitoba Boxing Commission reversed the announced decision and called it a draw. In checking the scorecards, two judges had called the fight a draw and the third had given the fight to Caldwell. Why were the official scorecards not checked at ringside after the fight, before the decision was handed down? *FRANK ALLNUTT*

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

▲ Canadian heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick of Halifax was held to a draw by LeRoy Caldwell of Milwaukee over ten rounds at Winnipeg. The promoter was Tex Burns.

Wayne Caplette of Winninpeg won a unanimous decision over C.J. Brown of Portland. Doug Demmins of St. Paul outpointed Terry Jesmer of Winnipeg and Lupa Guerra of Omaha got the nod over Jim Chicoyne of Winnipeg in a four round heavyweight bout.

▲ Vancouver heavyweight Kim Edwards lost to Irish Pat Duncan at Garderville, Nevada, when he was stopped in the third round. Duncan outweighed Edwards 205 to 185. In another heavyweight match Harvey Streichen, 215, of Spokane won a ten round duke over Ken Austin, 193, of Carson City over ten rounds. A crowd of over two thousand attended the show promoted by Robey Willis.

▲ Another heavyweight tournament was staged at Vancouver by Jack McGlaughlin. Winner of the heavyweight title was Jim Rosette of Nanaimo who won three bouts. In the under 200 pound final Mac Truck of Halifax kayoed Rocky Jones in the first heat. Prior to the final each fighter had won two elimination bouts.

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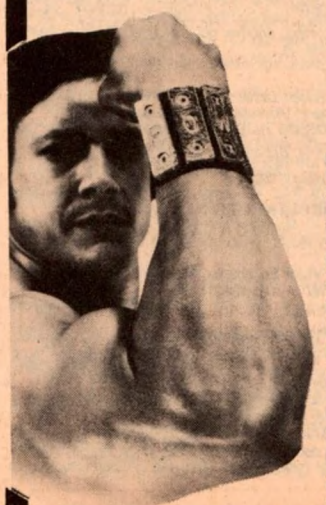

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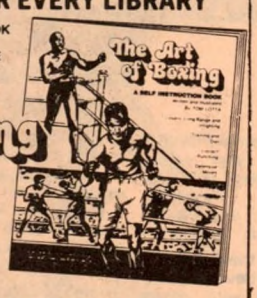

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ARGENTINA

▲ BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park Arena — In a hard fight, young prospect Alfredo Horacio Cabral stopped former world junior middleweight champion Miguel Angel Castellini in the eighth round.

Cabral, at twenty-three, has a pro record of forty-one fights, with thirty five wins (twenty-one by knockout), three draws, and two losses. He also had one fight declared "no decision."

Castellini, at thirty-two, has had eighty-four fights, with sixty-five wins eleven draws, and eight losses.

In the week previous to the fight, Cabral, born in Santa Isable, La Pampa, told the press that Castellini was afraid of him. "I'm the best light middleweight in Argentina, but none of these guys want to fight me, including Castellini. I will knock him out."

A crowd of thirteen thousand people packed the stadium, and ringside was sold out two hours before fight time.

It was like a street fight, with the young bull, Cabral, pressing the "old," brave fighter, Castellini. In the second round, two big punches landed on Castellini's chin and put him on the canvas for a mandatory eight-count. Castellini had come to fight, and he suffered a terrible beating. He was badly cut around the eyes, on the nose, and on the lips. His face was a crimson mask, but he still tried to stop the young Cabral.

He couldn't. Cabral had him almost hopeless in the seventh, hitting him at will. In the eighth, Cabral connected with two crosses and Castellini went down for the second time in the fight. The towel then was thrown into the ring.

Cabral has ambition, and he's powerful. He takes a good punch, and is always ready for a fight. He's already beaten David Love and Bonifacio Avila, and is considered Argentina's brightest hope in the junior middleweight division. (Manuel Ricardo Gonzalez, the Argentine junior middleweight champion, was recently halted by Masashi Kudo in a bid for the world title.)

After beating Castellini, Cabral flew to Monte Carlo and met South African Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini on the undercard of the Hugo Corro-Vito Antuofermo world middleweight title fight.

Makhathini never had a chance. The man from Argentina gave him a terrific beating, and the referee was forced to call a half at 1:05 of the first round.

(See "Round One" — Down for the Count.)

▲ BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park Arena — Argentine and South American junior middle champion Manuel Ricardo Gonzalez, outpointed Manuel Francisco Gonzalez, Rosario, ten. In other bouts, Jose Fernandez and Celso Sosa, junior middles, were both disqualified (no contest) in four. Luciano Azcona kayoed Raul Cuevas, six, bantams. Vicente Cords drew with Oscar Roman, junior welters, six.

▲ BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park Arena — Argentine and South American feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez beat Hipolito Nunez, twelve, retaining his local belt. In a ceremony, Muhammad Ali, special guest of *El Grafico* Magazine, at ringside was received by the world champions from Argentina: Horacio Accavallo, Nicolino Locche, Miguel Angel Castellini, Migual Angel Cuello, Hugo Pastor Corro and Victor Emilio Galindez. Ali announced his retirement from boxing and in other bouts, Hector Quintero Ramon Quintana drew, eight, welters, Nicolas Vera outpointed Alfredo Chaves, Ramon Perez drew Santos Medina, six, junior middles. The attendance at Luna Park was thirteen thousand.

At Luna Park — Undefeated light heavyweight Juan Domingo Suarez kayoed in six former Argentine champion Ramon Reynaldo Cerrazuela, six. The fight was stopped by the referee, Arturo Hishinuma, and the crowd booed. Suarez has a record of fourteen fights (fourteen kayoes), and is waiting to fight Abel Celestino Bailone for the Argentine title. In other bouts, Ramon Dominguez, a good featherweight prospect, kayoed Roberto Haidar in the first. Oscar Alvarenga outpointed Roberto Cornejo, six, welters, Hugo Diaz kayoed Pascual Maruccio in two, lights. The attendance was twelve thousand.

▲ ROSARIO — Local feather Ruben Granado outpointed Roberto Betveder, ten. Lightweight Juan Domingo Saucedo kayoed Juan Martinez in five. Miguel Combis, another good prospect, kayoed Valerio Benitez in five, junior welters.

▲ POSADAS — Carlos Nacimiento outpointed Omar Zarza, ten rounds, junior middles.

▲ SANTA FE — Ruben Zamaro, born in Mexico, but an Argentine citizen, outpointed Antonio Musladino, ten, heavyweights.

▲ SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY — Argentine featherweight Carlos Marinetti outpointed Vicente Salcedo, from Ecuador, ten.

▲ PASO DE LOS LIBRES — In a welterweight bout, Ramon Ramirez kayoed Juan Acosta in two.

▲ VILLA CARLOS PAZ — Former world junior middleweight champoin Miguel Angel Castellini kayoed Juan Mora in seven.

▲ RESISTENCIA — Argentine and South American super bantam champion Sergio Victor Palma decisioned Gilberto Lopez, Uruguay's champion, ten.

▲ CORDOBA — Victor Echegaray, Argentine light junior champion, outscored local fighter Julio Melone, ten.

▲ RIO IV — Local Jorge "Polvorita" Gomez outpointed lightweight Miguel Figueroa, ten.

▲ TUCUMAN — Three scheduled ten round bouts. Oscar Arevalo won an eight round technical decision over Eduardo Aguirre, lightweights. Juan Leiva outpointed Orlando Nasul, middles. Eliseo Rios, from Bolivia, outscored Juan Medina, feathers.

▲ VILLA RARIA — Undefeated flyweight Gustavo Ballas won a ten round decision over Esteban Bustos.

▲ MAR DEL PLATA — Young prospect Eduardo Jorge Tito Yanni scored a ten round decision over former Argentine and South American welter and junior middleweight champion Esteban Osuna, who announced his retirement from the ring after the battle.

▲ ARRECIFES — Argentine junior flyweight champion Rodolfo Gregorio Rodriguez drew with Luis Gerez, ten.

▲ CURUZU CUATIA — Argentine and South American heavyweight champion Domingo D'Elia outpointed Antonio Musladino.

▲ ROSARIO — Julio Arancibia outpointed Antonio Lopez, ten, middles, Migul Combi kayoed Hugo Cuiroga in two, junior welters.

▲ BRICKMAN ▲ Juan Domingo "Martillo" (Hammer) Roldan won a ten round decision over Natalio Ibarra in a middleweight fight.

▲ GUALEGUAYCHU — Jose Feliz Uziga kayoed Francisco Barrios, six, bantamweights.

▲ CHACABUCO — Oscar Armando Cejas outpointed Jose Araujo, six, junior middles.

▲ MONTE — Oscar Ayala outpointed Miguel Curbelo from Uruguay, ten, middles.

▲ SAN MIGUEL — Welter Julio Prian kayoed Hugo Puerto, one.

▲ DEAN FUNES — Jose Ignacio Funes TKO'd Ramon "Tito" Sosa, five, lightweights.

▲ MAR DEL PLATA — Local club fighter Ruben Stamuli kayoed Daniel Slawisky, seven, lightweights.

▲ GENERAL PICO — Alfredo Horacio Cagral, one of the most spectacular boxers in Argentina today, won a ten round decision over former Argentine middleweight champion Juan Carlos Bogado.

▲ GENERAL BELGRANO — Argentine junior welter champion Hugo Luero won a hard ten round decision over veteran Cirilo Ruiz.

▲ TENDIL — Cesar Villarruel drew with Raul "Nico" Perez, ten, featherweights.

▲ GUATRACHE — Hard punching Oscar Lujan Rombero kayoed Hector Munoz, nine, welters.

▲ GUALEGUAYCHU — Welterweights Bernardo Naraez and Petona Cagrera drew, ten rounds.

▲ BAHIA BLANCA — Argentine lightweight champion Oscar Jorge "Cachin" Mendez retained his crown in a twelve round draw with young Jesus Romero. Ubaldo Correa outpointed Raul Cabral, eight, middles. Jorge Conti with Lusi Lescano fought a tech draw, three, welters.

▲ RIO III, CORDOBA — Raul Gonzalez kayoed Angel Moyano in two, welters. Ruben Wilberger scored a one round kayo over Juan Carlos Valdez, junior middles.

▲ LA RIOJA — Local prospect Jose Naravaez outpointed Ruben Condori, ten, bantams.

▲ SAN PEDRO — Lorenzo Garcia TKO'd Oscar Barrios, seven, lightweights.

▲ COMODORO RIVADAVIA — The strong Jose Antonio Vega won a hard fought victory over Cesar Duarts, middleweights.

▲ CORREINTES — Argentine middleweight Ricardo Arce outpointed veteran Alberto Almiron, ten. Hector Centurion won a ten round decision over Aldo Vega, middles.

▲ CORDOBA — Juan Domingo "Martillo" Roldan, outpointed Hugo Obergan, ten rounds, middleweights.

▲ SAN SALVADOR DE JUAJUY — Hector Rosas outpointed Marcelo Miranda, eight, feathers.

▲ SANTA ROSA — Americo Suarez, former Argentine champion Miguel Campanino's pupil, battered Juan J. Espindola, ten, feathers.

▲ MENDOZA — Abraham Velenzuela TKO'd Jorge Talquenca, five, lightweights.

▲ ROSARIO — Local fighter Roberto Cardozo drew with former Argentine junior heavy champion Juan Carlos Sosa, ten.

▲ ZARATE — Carlos Villanueve outpointed Norberto Olivetto, ten, welter juniors. Daniel Arriola kayoed Luis Lopez, two, junior middles.

▲ POSADAS — Lightweight Hugo Villarruel outpointed Dacio Perez, ten.

▲ TUCUMAN — Flyweights Ramon Rodriguez battered Hector Barreto, six. Lightweight Luis Perez kayoed Oscar Frias, two.

▲ SAN JUAN — Roberto Alfaro scored a nine round kayo over Roberto Aballay in a junior welterweight fight. Roberto Haidar kayoed Eduardo Mino outpointed Gualberto Fernandez from Uruguay, ten, welters.

▲ RAFAELA — Mario Mathysse and Eduardo Contreras drew, ten, welters.

▲ EMBALSE — Julio Duarte kayoed Ramon Castro in two rounds, lights.

▲ BRAGADO — Raul Guillermo won a ten round decision over Damian Deheza, junior middles.

▲ RIO III, CORDOBA — veteran Carlos Peralta TKO'd Luis Sosa, nine, welterweights.

▲ CALETA OLIVIA — Argentine and South American super bantam champion Sergio Victor Palma won an easy decision over Uruguay champion Gilberto Lopez, ten.

▲ CORDOBA — Argentine and South American heavyweight champion, Domingo D'Elia won a difficult ten round decision over Marcos Kid Tosto. Manuel Nieto kayoed Juan Carranza, lightweights.

▲ MENDOZA — Flyweights: Gustavo Ballas, undefeated in twenty bouts scored a ten round victory over Jose Luis Lopez.

▲ BENITO JUAREZ — Bantamweights: Jose Flix Uziga kayoed Ricardo Gomez in eight.

▲ NEUQUEN — Alfredo Campos kayoed in first the local prospect Jorge "KO" Garcia, one. Jose Filippi outscored Raul Colombo, lights.

▲ RIO IV, CORDOBA — Carlos Prieto outscored Roberto Troilo Ortiz, ten, lights. Rayl Orlando Pereyra outscored Oscar Aguero, ten, middles.

▲ GENERAL ALVEAR — Roberto Dondori drew with Esteban Bustos in a super bantam fight, ten.

▲ VILLA MARIA — Lightweights: Hugo Quartapelle outscored Ramon Araujo, ten.

▲ PRESIDENTE ROQUE SAENZ PENA, CHACO — Jorge Medina kayoed Jose Aguirre, in four, junior middles.

▲ SAN PEDRO — Hugo Aguirre outpointed Hugo Espinoza, six, feathers. Antonio Piriz outscored Luis Garay, six, lights.

▲ VIEDMA — Welterweight Miguel Angel Garcia outpointed Nestor Vittadini, ten.

▲ CATAMARCA — Pedro Diaz decisioned Oscar Fatima Barrios, ten, middles.

▲ TUCUMAN — Club Defensores de Villa Lujan — Roque Arevalo outpointed Ramon Gonzalez, ten. Welterweights: Roberto Ale Ali outscored Ramon Peralta, ten.

▲ MAR DEL PLATA — At Kimberley Stadium Argentine and South American middleweight champion Ruben Hector Pardo scored a ten round points victory over former champion Juan Carlos Bogado.

▲ VILLA CARLOS PAZ — Flyweights: Raul Perez outpointed Santos Laciar. Featherweights: Pedro Gutierrez outscored Orlando Lucero, ten.

CARLOS IRUSTA

MEXICO

▲ **MAZATLAN, SINALOA** — Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 118, TKO'd Antonio "Tono" Becerra, 117, in the tenth round to retain his North American bantamweight title. Promising Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 134, TKO'd Rafael Rojas, 132, in three. Gustavo Martinez, 117, TKO'd Celso "Estudiante" Munoz, 117, in two. Loreto Felix, 134, TKO'd Gil Duenas, 132, in the first. Victor de Leon, 112, TKO'd Abraham Soto, 112, in two. Juan Arellano, 145, decisioned Jaime Leon, 145, six.

▲ **CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA** — Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, TKO'd Betillo Gutierrez, 135, in nine to win the vacant Mexican lightweight championship. Celso Olivas, 147, outscored Erasmo Mendez, 146, ten.

▲ **CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA** — Chebo Hernandez, 186, TKO'd Ismael Ruiz, 191, in five to retain his Mexican heavyweight crown. Jose Angel Cazares, 116, outpointed Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 116, ten. Emeterio Villanueva, 174, TKO'd Leno "Pocho" Fuente, 175, in three.

▲ **CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Ney Gordillo, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Soberanes, 135, in seven. Bernardo "Batallador" Ibarra, 125, halted Enrique Torres, 125, in four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Cenobio Nicolas, 126, won by a disqualification over Delfino Mendoza, 125, in five. Francisco Santillan, 124, embalmed Chucho Ramirez, 134, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Jorge Ramirez, 117, outboxed Fabian Palma, 118, ten. Jose "Arana" Mendez, 133, defeated Pablo Rodriguez, 134, ten. Bonifacio Florez, 111, TKO'd Pascual Garcia, 111, in six.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Rodolfo Martinez *(not the former WBC bantamweight champion)*, 110, whipped Efrain Rosas, 111, ten. Maximino Aguilar, 119, and Alfredo Salazar, 121, drew, ten.

▲ **MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Adan Chavarria, 146, outscored Andres "Panterita" Ramirez, 145, ten. Alberto Cortes, 123, stopped Jose Luis Cisneros, 124, in two. Guillermo Alvarez, 118, nailed Jorge Santos, 118, in two. Hugo Lozano, 125, demolished Gerardo Verda, 124, in one.

▲ **POZA RICA, VERACRUZ** — Eleuterio Davila, 125, outpointed Francisco Torres, 126, ten. Andres Nunez, 158, decisioned Rafael Laguna, 159, ten.

▲ **CIUDAD CARDENAS, SAN LUIS POTOSI** — Carlos "Calaca" Segura, 112, stopped Jose Gallegos, 112, in six. Jose Alferez, 115, beat Armando Martinez, 116, ten.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Juan Graciano, 134, TKO'd Elpidio Valdes, 135, in three to win the Jalisco State lightweight title. Francisco Famoso, 146, TKO'd Chucho Salcedo, 146, in five to win the Jalisco State welterweight title. Kiko Bejinez, 118, iced Jesus "Diablito" Garcia, 118, in one.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Jose Luis Castillo, 133, got the nod over Jose Luis Tapia, 133, ten. Ambrosio Lunz, 118, outscored Chucho Velazco, 117, ten. Nacho Rivera, 124, TKO'd Miguel Valderrama, 125, in six. Mario Ochoa, 112, TKO'd Juan Atilano, 111, in two. Pedro Vazquez, 117, TKO'd Hector Cortes, 116, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, 118, defeated Jose "Shibata" Ruiz, 118, ten. Pablo Marquez, 125, won by a disqualification over Juan Jimenez, 124, in two. Reyes Gonzalez, 115, TKO'd Juan Castro, 115, in two.

▲ **MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Juan Elizondo, 133, TKO'd Carlos Martinez, 134, in seven.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — German Torres, 108, TKO'd Alejandro Flores, 108, in seven.

▲ **MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Paulino Canche, 117, won by a disqualification over Jose Luis Luna, 118, in three. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 112, got the nod over Juan "Tanquecito" Cuevas, 111, ten. Miguel "Pulgarcito" Leal, 108, took out Aragon Perez, 109, in two. Jose Medina, 111, TKO'd Ramon Concha, 112, in five. Marco Figueroa, 113, knocked out Eloy Cardenas, 112, in one.

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO** — Pedro Galaviz, 112, stopped Rocky Mijares, 111, in six. Alfredo "Cachorro" Hernandez, 111, TKO'd Manuel "Manny" Barajas, 112, in two.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Manuel Luna, 110, TKO'd Juan Zarate, 111, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Gerardo Aceves, 135, kayoed Ernesto Davis, 133, of Panama, in two. Jorge "Martillo" Flores, 179, TKO'd Carlos Aguilar, 177, in the tenth and final round. Chano Molina, 124, outscored Jose Chavez, 125, eight. Luis Castillo, 111, TKO'd Daniel Cuajani, 112, in five. Nicolas Herrera, 117, outpointed Moises Mendez, 116, six.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Celso Limon, 135, TKO'd Alejandro Agosto, 134, in four. Solorio Larios, 118, TKO'd Jorge Gomez, 119, in four.

▲ **MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Roberto Campos, 134, TKO'd Rodolfo Rivas, 135, in three. Baldomero Santos, 117, won by a disqualification over Juan Carlos Montalvo, 116, in five. Bernardino Guerrero, 134, kayoed Francisco Ibarra, 134, in two.

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SOUTH AFRICA

▲ EAST LONDON — Mdantsane Stadium — Tsietsie Maretloane scored a surprise win over Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mbxaji over eight rounds, lightweights, before a crowd of fifteen thousand. Maretloane, who hardly received a cheer as he was introduced, outboxed Mgxaji, who found it hard to even go the distance.

▲ WELKOM — Bruce McIntyre kayoed Mervin Smit with a left hook in the seventh round of their light heavyweight bout.

Daniel Mapanya TKO'd Stanley Maxembengula, five, middleweights. Samuel Pula decisioned Enoch Motsoane, ten, to win the Orange Free State junior lighweight title. Basie Gouws decisioned David Kalako, four, middleweights. Bennie Nortman kayoed Simon Mokoena, four, welters.

▲ JOHANNESBURG — Wembley Sports Pavilion — Mike Schutte scored a points victory over British boxer Neil Malpass in a heavyweight bout over eight rounds. Schutte almost knocked Malpass out in the first, as he caught Neil with a hard right to the side of the head. Malpass, however, was saved by the bell. A similar punch connected in the second, but Schutte merely pushed his opponent against the ropes. In the middle of the fight, the Britisher was getting on top, and Schutte was shaken with hard rights to the head on three occasions. Malpass came to the fore in the last two rounds and Shutte was wilting. The victory for the South African was narrow.

The following day, after a long consultation with trainer Alan Toweel, the hefty Schutte announced his retirement from the ring.

Sydney Bensch, making a return, decisioned McDonald Shezi, six, catchweights. Samson Mohloai TKO'd Anton Retief, six, middles. James Meiring kayoed Alfred Mazibukwe, one, heavyweights. Thomas Tsotetsi outpointed Sydney Padi, four, junior lightweights. Morgan Moledi decisioned Basil Meintjies, four, middleweights. Charles Marule kayoed Anthony Wiese, one, catchweights.

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WEST AFRICA

▲LAGOS — National Sports Hall — Kazeem Armah, 124, TKO'd Agbazo Rayga, 129, in the twelfth round to retain his Nigerian junior lightweight title. Armah, a rated contender for the Commonwealth and African Boxing Union titles, was making his first defense of the title he had won from Rayga late last year.

The fight was even until the tenth round, when Rayga began to show signs of fatigue. The end came when his trainer-manager, Bony Ade, threw in the towel in the twelfth.

Victor Oseni of Kwara State won the Nigerian featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Joe Skipper, fifteen.

Jonathan Imonite of Bendel State survived a knockdown to win a split decision over "Fearless" Friday Joseph, also of Bendel State, six, middleweights.

Austin Power won by a disqualification over Candido Ortiz in the fifth round of a scheduled eight, bantamweights.

Hogan "Atomic Bomb" Jimoh, Kwara State, Nigeria, the Commonwealth lightweight champion, stopped Soumalia Katele, Mali, in the third round of a scheduled non-title tenner. Jimoh had been scheduled to meet Freddie Mensah of Ghana for the ABU lightweight title, but Mensah was unable to appear.

Bob Clay, Lagos State, outpointed Adisa Smith, Ogun State, six, lightweights.

Obi Agbesun outpointed Jackson Peters, eight, junior welterweights.

▲ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST — Au Parc de Sports — Nigeria's Obisa Ninakpa, 139, won the ABU junior welterweight title with an eighth round knockout over Degila Laurent, also 139, of the Ivory Coast.

The bout, scheduled for fifteen rounds, could have been halted in the seventh, when Laurent grabbed Obisia in an effort to prevent him from throwing further punches. This enabled him to last the round, but he was a defenseless punching bag in the eighth, when Ghananian referee Colonel Slatter (who was standing in for Roy Ankrah, also of Ghana) gave him a standing eight count. Surprisingly, at this time, Laurent's seconds threw in the towel, ending the encounter.

Kouakou Mgoran, 159, of the Ivory Coast, TKO'd Sake Gabriel, also 159, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Cisse Mory 126, stopped Jacob Gerard, also 126, in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Fofana Bakary outpointed Zadi Lago, eight, flyweights.

▲ACCRA, GHANA — Kaneshie Sports Complex — Henry Saddler retained his Ghananian featherweight title with a split decision over number one contender Abdul Rahman Okpoti, fifteen.

The champion was knocked down in the first, third, and seventh rounds. In the ninth, referee R.M. Abbey failed to warn

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Saddler for employing foul tactics, despite the complaints of the challenger.

Saddler turned the fight around in the tenth round, however, and his showing in the last five frames enabled him to keep his crown.

Kid "Smiler" Sumaila earned a controversial but unanimous decision over Everness Nortey in their Ghananian flyweight title bout, fifteen.

Ibrahim Mohamed kayoed John Asibiri in the sixth round of a middleweight eightrounder.

Young Sidiku outscored Lawrence Lee in a lightweight six. Lee was making his professional debut. *ANGUS ANITCHE*

EUROPE

BRITISH ISLES

GARDNER-SYKES

Wembley Pool— John L. Gardner, 204½, kept his British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles by beating Paul Sykes, Wakefield, 209½, referee James Brimmell intervening in round six as Sykes turned away to avoid a fusilade of punches.

This contest had been built up publicity-wise, helped by the fact that Sykes had spent twelve years in fourteen British prisons. He is alleged to be thirty-two years old. Some believe he is older.

The rehabilitated Sykes had eventually been given a license by the British Boxing Board of Control, and before he met Gardner had taken part in eight pro bouts, winning six, drawing one, and losing the other on a disqualification.

Sykes had angered many of the boxing fraternity by announcing that if he won the title he would not wear the Lonsdale Belt that is automatically presented to every new champion.

"It's a matter of principle," said Paul. "It's a link with feudal times when the aristocrats, like Lord Lonsdale, had bets on whose groom or servant was the better fighter. I don't want any part of that."

Whereupon Gardner replied—"I'm proud to wear the Lonsdale Belt. Sykes has insulted the sport of boxing. And I'm not going to lose to a man who talks like that."

Sykes had also prophesied that he would beat Gardner "a bit lively," and the latter had retaliated by saying that Paul would not be able to withstand his pressure or strength.

So all the ingredients were there to make Harry Levene's promotion a successful one, and certainly the fans responded.

The fight itself was "a bit lively" while it lasted, but there was never any doubt as to the winner. Sykes lacked the experience necessary to overcome a champ like Gardner, who had won twenty-nine out of thirty bouts, and who just kept punching away for three minutes of each round.

As expected, the 6'4" Sykes was at his best in the early rounds, starting fast, throwing quite a few punches—with some landing and his fans going wild.

Gardner boxed coolly, concentrating on jabbing his man off and Sykes must have been disheartened when he saw his pet punches, especially his right swings, just bounce off Gardner without any apparent effect.

The champ wasn't taking any chances. There were no heroics, no attempt to wade in and try and knock his man out. He was boxing to instructions, scoring with short hooks that were proving more effective than Sykes' longer punches.

Every time Sykes landed, there were gasps from the fans, but Gardner showed no signs of wilting, and after two rounds the champ got into his rhythm. After landing a right to the head at the start of round three, Sykes seemed to be slowing up.

In round four, Gardner had taken the initiative, and was concentrating on the body. Sykes' was weakening.

The pace was a fast one for big men, and this affected Sykes more than Gardner. The challenger had held his own for three rounds, but now came the moment of truth. Already Paul was breathing heavily, and in round four he was no longer landing that heavy right hand, which was virtually his only weapon.

Gardner increased the tempo, and Sykes, puffing badly now, had no answer. He was brave enough, and did not appear to be unduly hurt by the champion's frequent onslaughts. But it was noticeable that he was fighting back less and less.

Driven back by John's steady flow of jabs, Sykes did his best to keep out of trouble, and continued to throw despairing right swings and uppercuts, in round five.

It was a tired challenger who came out for round six. Gardner proceeded to carry on where he had left off, and Paul did not now have the strength to retaliate, although he was still on his feet.

As the punches flowed in, Sykes could do nothing but try and turn away to evade them. When he was practically turning has back on his opponent, referee Brimmell decided it was time to intervene.

Sykes afterwards said he was merely turning to his corner for instructions, but that wasn't how it looked to those who watched.

The end came after 1:45 of the sixth round. Gardner had done everything right, and it had proved to be an easier fight for him than either of his two previous bouts against American opposition.

So, Sykes did not have to make a decision about accepting the Lonsdale Belt. Also, he had said that if he lost he would retire from the ring. But afterwards he said he would be carrying on.

Gardner has now proved himself to be a worthy champion, who has, for the time being at any rate, run out of opposition in Britain, and must turn to the Continent to try and win the European crown.

European middleweight champion Alan Minter, 161¼, did a lethal job on former Commonwealth champion Monty Betham, New Zealand, 161½, the bout being stopped in round two with Betham in trouble.

Minter was in no mood to dally. He had his man down in the opening session with a left to the face. Betham was up immediately, and survived, but in round two he was again subjected to intense pressure, and a final left hook put him over the ropes, whereupon the referee intervened.

British light welter champ Colin Powers, 142, beat substitute Jose Luis Ribero, Brazil, 143¼, the bout being stopped in round six with Ribero still upright, but having taken enough punishment.

It was an academic exercise for Powers, who used the occasion to display his jabbing and hooking ability against an opponent who was game from the first bell until the end, but who had not the punch nor the skill to compete with the British champ.

Joe Awome, Golders Green, 219, avenged a previous defeat by beating Ron McClean, 223, in three rounds. When they met before, McClean had gained a shock two-round victory.

This time Awome made no mistakes. He kept a wary eye on McClean's right hand, then used his own right hook to deck Ron in the opening round.

Awome switched to his left jab to keep his opponent off balance, and feinted to do the same in round three, only to bring over his right to the chin, and down went McClean.

When Ron rose, in came Awome with more lefts to the face, then another right hand, and Mcclean went to the floor for the third time. On this occasion, the referee took up the count, then stopped and signified that it was all over.

Dave Armstrong, Hackney, outscored Chris Coady, Manchester, over six. Scoreline 59½-57½. Coady was down three times.

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Keith Bussey, Camberwell, outpointed Boyd Farrer, Hayes, over eight by 79½-57½. Coady was down three times.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, outpointed Boyd Farrer, Hayes, over eight by 79½-77½. Bussey overcame the handicap of cramp in his left forearm.

Chris Sanigar, Bristol, 135½, outpointed Lawrence Williams, 135, over six in a good crowd-pleaser that brought nobbins from the fans.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool —** SUPPORTS TO CONTEH-BROWN: Lotte Mwale, Commonwealth light heavyweight champion, took less than four rounds to beat American Lee Royston, 172½, the referee intervening after Royston had been down three times.

Mwale, 174½, outclassed his man, getting through easily and often with his left jab, and coming in close to hook freely to the head with both hands.

In round three, Royston was decked for the first time, and although able to come up for the fourth, was still feeling the effects and concentrated on defense.

Mwale wasted no time. A left to the body floored the American, then a right put him down again. Royston had clearly had enough, and another right deposited him between the middle and bottom ropes. Mwale looked questioningly at the referee, who immediately stepped between them and stopped the fight.

Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 144, outpointed Jess Harper, Manchester, 143½, over six by 59-58½. Collins recovered well after being decked in round two.

Chris Coady, Manchester, 157, drew with Ron Pearce, Newport, 154, over six.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London —** Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 156½, outscored substitute Chris Walker, Sheffield, 147½, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Walker preferred to come forward, but was a target for southpaw Lauder's right counter. When Chris did manage to get in close, he scored with a few hefty clumps to the head which must have hurt, but Billy was faster and landed more accurate punches.

Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 128, outpointed John Cooper, Mitcham, 131¾, by 79½-78 over eight. A fast contest, with Cleak countering with both hands against an aggressive opponent.

Terry Matthews, Swansea, 156, was adjudged to have outpointed debutant Tony Britton, Lewisham, 154, over six by 59-58½, but it wasn't a popular verdict.

Les Wint, Thamesmead, 146¾, gained a six-rounds points victory over Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 148, scoreline 59½-58½.

▲ **Civic Hall, Bedworth —** Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 143, outpointed Frank McCord, Cardiff, 143, over eight by 79-78. Varden's boxing was superior, although McCord showed plenty of aggression.

Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 175, clearly outpointed Emanuel Lucas, Leicester, 174, over six by 60-58.

John Henry, Leicester, 127, outscored Jimmy Hancock, Liverpool, 128, by 59½-58½. A good contest, Hancock coming forward throughout, and Henry revealing the cleaner punching.

Liam Coleman, Leeds, 170, outscored Joe Jackson, Coventry, over four by 40-38, winning every round.

Barry Price, Crawley, drew with Johnny Burns, Birmingham, over six.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 140, outpointed Phil Lewis, 143½, over six by 60-58. It was Murray's first pro fight.

▲ **Executive Sporting Club, Burslem —** Dennis Andries, 173, avenged a previous defeat by outscoring Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 169, over eight by 78½-77½.

McKenzie opened confidently, jabbing to the head, and evading his opponent's rushes. In the second half of the fight, however, Andries managed to get in close and pound away to the body.

Some of the inside work was untidy, and the boxers were censured on two occasions.

The turning point came in the seventh, when a right uppercut dropped McKenzie. On rising, the latter was met with a cluster of head punches that had him hanging on.

The last round was a humdinger, with Bonny providing solid opposition but Andries maintaining his earlier advantage.

Doug Hill, Stoke, 130, outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 131, over eight by 79½-77½. Bell touched the canvas in round three on two occasions, but was up almost immediately each time. Bell was also down in rounds seven and eight.

Much satisfaction for Hill, as Bell had been the only man to beat him in ten bouts.

Steve Babbs, Swansea, 177, outscored Peter Les Reed, Stoke, 177, over six by 59½-58. Reed showed plenty of aggression, and was taking two in order to land one. But all to no avail, and Babbs was a worthy winner with his more accurate punching and superior ringcraft.

Incidentally, Babbs is the British and European full-contact karate champion.

Eric Ragonisi, Shrewsbury, 131, drew with Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 127, over six. Eric was down in round two and Dave in round six. It was the last bout on the bill, and enthusiastic fans tossed in nobbins.

▲ **Club Double Diamond, Caerphilly —** Johnny Own, Merthyr, 118, kept his British bantam title by beating plucky Dave Smith, Eltham, 117, who was retired by his corner at the end of round twelve, his left eye practically closed.

Smith had not been down, and was fighting back until the end, but it was a lost cause, and his corner did the only thing possible. He had given everything he had.

Thus, Johnny wins the Lonsdale Belt outright at the age of 23, and is also champion of the Commonwealth, this crown also being at stake against Smith.

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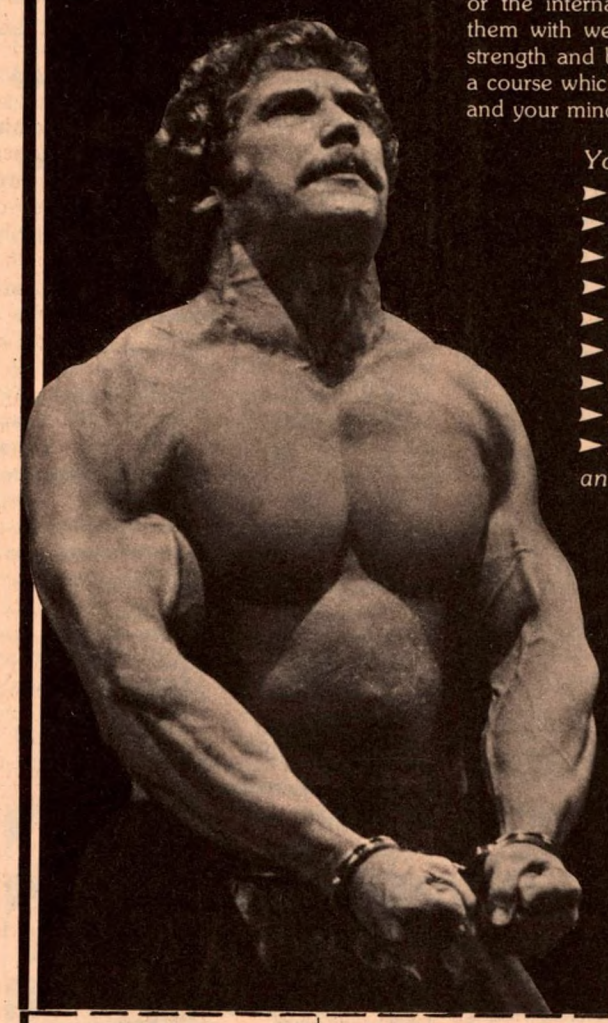

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target on Smith's face with monotonous regularity as the fight progressed.

Dave was tremendously fit, and didn't mind taking a couple to land one in return. Although Owen won the second and third, Smith came on strongly in the fourth, and landed one solid right to the chin that must have hurt. Johnny looked wobbly at the knees, but he, too, was fit as a fiddle and was soon back on the attack again.

From then on, Dave never got another chance to get on top. Owen kept jabbing away, and Smith's face was showing signs of wear. Dave did his best to land another right hand in the following round, but ran into a succession of left jabs, and an Owen left hook snapped the challenger's head back.

Johnny was now boxing like a champion, and in complete control. Smith was proving a worthy challenger, but twice in the seventh his knees were wobbly after the champ had scored with rights to the chin.

Try as he may, Smith couldn't seem to avoid the champion's accurate left jab, and, in round ten, Dave's left eye was starting to close up. Owen put on the pressure still more, and, at the end of round eleven, referee Wally Thom went over to Smith's corner to inspect the injury, which had worsened.

The result was that Smith came up for the twelfth, but could only see out of one eye, and the handicap was too great, Owen banging away with both hands, and seemingly as strong as ever.

Smith's retirement was announced at the end of that round, and was inevitable. But he could be proud of the fight he had put up. This was Dave's second shot at a British crown, the first being in 1977, when he was stopped by Charlie Magri for the vacant flyweight title.

Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 175, outpointed Alex Tompkins, Bow, 173, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78. Some fans didn't agree. Tompkins was decked in round one, and Jones was cut by the right eye in round five.

Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 130½, outscored Jeff Pritchard, Hengoed, 133, over eight by 79½-77½. Good performance by young Vernon.

Pat Smyth, Gainsborough, 148, drew with Dai Davies, Swansea, 142, over eight. A hard scrap, both having eye injuries, and both being warned for rule breaches.

Phil Morris, 139½, outscored Tommy Burling, London, 139, over six by 59-58½. Burling looked in trouble in round three, but survived. He also incurred a couple of warnings.

▲ St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — George Peacock, Greenock, 137, won the Scottish light welter title by beating champion Willie Booth, 135½, the points score after ten rounds being 99-98.

Booth also holds the Scottish lightweight crown, and it was he who impressed in the early stages, only for Peacock to get into his stride in round four.

From then on, it was a close one, Booth being handicapped by a cut over the right eye in round six. This needed four stitches, and was probably the deciding factor. Peacock gained in confidence, punched hard with both hands, and try as he may, Booth couldn't stem the flow.

The last round was a hum-dinger, Booth making an all-out effort which Peacock matched punch for punch. The fans cheered both men at the end.

Mick Fellingham, Greenock, 174½, beat Keith Roberts, Liverpool, 173, the referee intervening in round four with Roberts on the receiving end.

A little unusual for a boxer to make his pro debut at the age of twenty-seven, but former noted amateur Billy Straub, Motherwell, 119½, made it a winning start by outpointing Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 117, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 127, defeated Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 128, the bout being stopped in round four with Lucas still upright but trailing.

▲ Queen Mary Ballroom, Dudley Zoo — Barry Price, Brighton, 139½, outpointed Roger Guest, Dudley, 139½, and gave a good display of ringcraft to overcome his aggressive opponent.

Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 158, kayoed Alan Worthington, Liverpool, 158, in round one with a right to the jaw. Time—1:12.

George Bailey, Bradford, 114, outscored Bryn Jones, Swansea, 116, over six. A fast pace throughout, with Jones looking momentarily shaken in round five.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 162, outpointed Steve Fox, Wolverhampton, 163, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Fox was decked in the final round.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 136, outscored Wally Stocking, Holborn, 134, over six by 59-58.

▲ Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford — Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 142, outpointed substitute Tony Bogle, 144, by 80-77½ over eight. Bogle took the job at only a few hours' notice, so could be excused for not extending Nelson, who didn't lose a round. In round four, the boxers were warned to box more and clinch less.

Paul Keers, Bradford, 126, outpointed Alan Storey, Sunderland, 126, over eight by 79-78. Keers was down as the bell ended round one, and Storey did well in the early stages, only for Paul to rally and earn the verdict.

Norman Morton, Newcastle, 136, drew with Nigel Thomas, Wales, 138, over eight, appreciative fans throwing in nobbins. Thomas' nose bled from the fifth.

Peter Tidgewell, Bradford, 174½, outpointed debutant Nigel Savory, Leeds, 175, over six by 59½-58½. Savory was decked in round three, and Tidgewell overcame the handicap of a swelling under the left eye.

▲ National Sporting Club, London — Welsh welter champ Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 149¼, outpointed Chris Walker, Sheffield, 148, over eight by 79½-77½.

Not a fight to be remembered, with more wrestling than boxing. McKenzie tried hard to get through on sheer aggression, but Walker was content to tie his man up whenever they got to grips.

Gerry O'Neill, Glasgow, 130½, outscored Steve Cleak, Porthca 126½, by 79-77½ over eight. A fine contest to watch, with nobbins coming in afterwards. Cleak started fast, but O'Neill came into the fight in the later stages.

Liam Coleman, Leeds, 174, gained a six-rounds points win over Steve Babbs, Swansea, 175½, by the narrow margin of 59½-59. Coleman was that shade busier.

Harry Watson, Cambridge, 162½, outpointed Gordon George, Wood Green, 163¼, by 59½-59 over six. George was down in round two, but up immediately.

▲ New Century Hall, Manchester — A Moroccan-born boxer has won the vacant Central Area lightweight title. Najib Daho, now living in Manchester, 132½, outpointed Brian Snagg, 133, over ten by 98-97, and was well worth his victory.

Daho's accurate left hand dominateed the early part of the fight, but he was caught with a hard right to the head in round four, Snagg doing his best work from then until the sixth.

Round seven saw Daho again taking over, and he held his lead until the end.

Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 137½, won a close one by outscoring Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 138, over eight by 78½-78. Quinn's nose bled from round four, and it was a tough scrap throughout.

Lee Hartshorn, 150, beat Richard Avery, Newport, 151, who re ed at the end of round four with an injured jaw, not being able to hold his gumshield.

Dave Allen, Connisborough, 137½, beat former Central Area champion Jess Harper, the bout being stopped in round six afterHarper had been down.

Phil Lewis, Liverpool, 141, defeated Mark Osbourne, Grimsby, 144, the referee intervening in round two after Osbourne had been decked.

Chris Moorcroft, Manchester, 128, was yet another to win inside schedule, beating Jimmy Hancock, Liverpool, 128, the bout being stopped in the opening session. Time—1:55.

Debutant Sammy Simms, 132, outpointed substitute Selvin Ball, Manchester, 131½, over six by 59-58.

▲ Blazers Nightspot, Windsor — Billy Waith, Cardiff, 141, is one of the most experienced boxers in Britain, also possessing one of the best defenses. He brought his clever ringcraft into play to outscore Tony Martey, Ghana, 142, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS	LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion	Champion
John L. Gardner (E)	Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)	1. Jeff Malcolm (A)
2. Billy Aird (E)	2. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
3. Paul Sykes (E)	3. Lachie Austin (A)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum(N)	4. Colin Powers (E)
5. Tommy Kiely (E)	5. Clinton McKenzie (E)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	6. Des Morrison (E)
7. Les Stevens (E)	7. Frank Ropis (A)
8. Tony Moore (E)	8. Nick Furiano (C)
9. Steve Aczel (A)	9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Denton Ruddock (E)	10. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS	**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion	Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)	Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. John Conteh (E)	1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Mustapha Wassaja (U)	2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Gary Summerhays (C)	3. Claude Noel (Tr)
4. Tony Mundine (A)	4. David Kotey (G)
5. David Conteh (E)	5. Ralph Racine (C)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)	6. Barry Michael (A)
7. Ernie Barr (Ba)	7. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
8. Greg McNamara (A)	8. Gaetan Hart (C)
9. Al Gattling (A)	9. Ray Cattouse (E)
10. Rab Affleck (S)	10. John Muwunga (U)
MIDDLEWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion	Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)	Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. Alan Minter (E)	1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Tony Sibson (E)	2. Pat Cowdell (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)	3. Jimmy Flint (E)
4. Eddy Melo (C)	4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)	5. Patrick Forde (Guy)
6. Scorpion Ofosu (G)	6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Wally Carr (A)	7. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
8. Monty Betham (NZ)	8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Fernand Marcotte (C)	9. Lindsay Roberts (A)
10. Bunny Sterling (E)	10. Jimmy Brown (E)
LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Championship	Champion
Vacant	Johhny Owen (W)
1. Maurice Hope (An)	1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)	2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)	3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Elisha Obed (Ba)	4. Jim Bowen (A)
5. Kenny Bristol (Gu)	5. John Feeney (E)
6. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)	6. Charlie Brown (A)
7. Dave Proud (E)	7. Patrick Burns (A)
8. Robbie Davies (E)	8. Wayne Evans (E)
9. Neil Pattel (A)	9. Dave Larmour (I)
10. Larry Paul (E)	10. Tony Kerr (S)
WELTERWEIGHTS	**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion	Champion
Clyde Gray (C)	Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Dave Green (E)	1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Hector Thompson (A)	2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Chris Clarke (C)	3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Josef Nsubuga (U)	4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Kirkland Laing (E)	5. Roger Richens (A)
6. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)	6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)	7. Garry Price (A)
8. Eddie Buttons (A)	8. Bryn Griffiths (W)
9. Steve Dennis (A)	9. Junior Thompson (A)
10. Henry Rhiney (E)	10. Sharkey Hughes (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are David Kotey (G), Kazeem Armah (N) and Jean LaPointe (C).

Legend: (An) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fi) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghanda; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jmaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (T) Trinidad; (To) Tonga; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

Martey never stopped coming forward, but his style was made to measure for Waith, who outboxed his opponent, and had him in a bit of trouble at the end of round seven.

Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 170, drew with Alek Pernaski, Alfreton, 180, over eight. McKenzie was on top until the halfway mark, but then Pernnaski's weight advantage began to tell.

Pip Coleman, Neath, 148, outscored Ian Murray, Manchester, 120, over eight by 79-78. An entertaining contest.

Manny Gabriel, Wellingborough, 186, kayoed Winston Allen, Swansea, 203, in round one.

▲ De Montfort Hall, Leicester — British middleweight champion Tony Sibson, Leicester, 163, beat Frenchman Jacques Chinon, 164, the bout being stopped in round eight when Chinon was cut by both eyes.

Substitute Chinon sent Sibson off balance to the canvas at the end of the opening round, but Tony gradually took command and the Frenchman looked weary when the referee intervened.

Midlands Area light-heavyweight champ Eddie Fenton, 176, beat Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 171, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round when Jones' nose was badly cut.

Joe Jackson, Leicester, 161, outscored Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 161, over eight by 79-78.

Steve Fenton, Leicester, 177, won every round in outpointing Colin Flute, Tipton, 194½. Scoreline—80-76.

Roger Guest, Dudely, outscored Alan Cable, Norwood, 146½, by 59½-58½ over six.

Alec Irvine, Corby, 120½, outpointed Robert Hepburn, Norwich, 119, over six by 59½-57½. Hepburn was down twice.

▲ Gay Tower Ballroom, Edgbaston — Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 156½, outscored Glen McEwan, 156, over eight by 79-78. A cracking contest, applauded by the fans, with Rodney overcoming a difficult period in the middle of the fight.

Ricky James, Rugby, 198, narrowly outscored Terry Mintus, Leeds, by 78½-78 over eight. Fortunes fluctuated, with James decked twice in round four, then coming back to floor Mintus in round five.

Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 157½, keep cool to outscore aggressive Harry Watson, Cambridge, 161, over six by 59½-58½.

Eric Ragonizi, Shrewsbury, 134½, beat Bryan Wilson, Birmingham, 134, the referee intervening in round two after Watson had been down twice.

John Henry, Leicester, 135, outpointed Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 135½, over six by 59½-58½.

Mike McCluskey, Birmingham, 138, started his pro career by being floored in the opening round, but he got up to kayo Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 138, in round two.

RON OLVER

CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Berlin—A world middleweight title fight, a heavyweight eliminator, and three European championship bouts have set a blaze here in Europe. We now have a new middleweight champion of the world, Vito Antuofermo, a real heavyweight hope in Gerrie Coetzee and three new European champions, Rodolfo Sanchez, Spain (junior light), Charlie Nash, Great Britain (lightweight), and Jorgen Hansen, Denmark (welterweight).

Marvin Hagler, the number one challenger for the middleweight crown, beat Argentine Noberto Cabrera, who retired in round eight. Hagler lands blows faster than any man I have seen and I doubt if Antuofermo will stay half a dozen rounds with him when they meet. His brilliant performance over shadowed everything on the Monte Carlo card and he is better than Carlos Monzon or Nino Benvenuti—and that, you can say, is sticking one's neck out. He is a wonderful fighting machine and those at ringside knew they had seen the future middleweight champion in action.

Two Europeans, Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, and Andre Holyk, France, after waiting nearly two years, finally got shots at the champions of their respective divisions. Both were entitled to returns, having been the victims of bad luck in their last championship affairs. Jorgen Hansen held the welterweight title of Europe but

lost it on a disqualification in round thirteen after giving German Jorg Eipel a boxing lesson in Berlin in 1977. Holyk met lightweight champion Jim Watt and was taken out of the fight in the opening round with a cut eye.

Both have now had second opportunities. Hansen challenged Briton Dave Green at Randers in Denmark, and Holyk met Briton Charlie Nash at Londonderry. Jorgen Hansen (36) ten years older than the European welter champion, Dave Green, won the crown, stopping the Briton in the third. Hansen has now won the European title three times by a knockout and lost it twice on a disqualification. Our man in Denmark, Finn Gommesen, who was at ringside, reports:

"Incredible as it may seem, Hansen stopped Green in the third round of one of the most breathtaking fights I have ever seen. For most of rounds one and two, Green clobbered the poor challenger, who looked ready to cave in at any second, and when Hansen went down in a neutral corner with a minute gone of the second, it looked as if he would never survive the round. Surprisingly, on rising, he took the fight to Green, beat him to the punch time and time again, and by the end of the round had Green in trouble. As the bell sounded for the third, the fans were on their feet screaming themselves hoarse. A right sent Green crashing to the canvas with only half a minute gone. He rose at eight and was an easy target for Hansen, who decked him again with a right. Dave just beat the count, but was out on his feet and the German referee, Kurt Halbach, called a halt."

Green received a purse of $54,000, a generous pay day, but worth little when you consider he has lost his European crown and probably a world title shot, which he had been promised.

Andre Holyk (twenty-eight) was not so lucky, losing on points over twelve rounds to southpaw Briton Charlie Nash. The European lightweight had been vacated by Jim Watt, who recently won the WBC world title. Nash, in his twenty-first fight, finished the contest with a bruised eye. In round ten, Holyk landed a right swing which hurt the Irishman, but by the eleventh, Nash had shaken off the effects and made sure of victory, putting in a couple of good close rounds. Three other Irishmen have held European titles, Rinty Monaghan, John Kelly, and Freddie Gilroy. The referee was Knud Jensen, Denmark, and the judges were Gartz Franz, Luxembourg, and Mar Schulein, Holland.

The history of these two divisions is interesting. Young Joseph of Great Britain was the first welterweight champion of Europe, beating Frenchman, Battling Lecroix on points over twenty rounds in Paris on 19 Dec., 1910. Eleven Britons have held the crown, but only one Dane, Jorgen Hansen. The division has produced forty-two champions in 112 bouts. Green's reign was short and sweet, he having won the crown beating fellow Briton Henry Rhiney on January 26th of this year.

Briton Freddie Welsh was the first boxer to wear the lightweight crown, forcing Frenchman Henri Piet to retire in round twelve at Mountain Ash on August 23rd, 1909. The division has come up with 117 bouts and has produced forty-seven champions. Twelve Britons have won the crown and nine Frenchmen.

Rodolfo Sanchez of Spain won the European junior lightweight crown, outscoring fellow Spaniard Carlos Hernandez, over twelve rounds. Sanchez's brother, Fernando, once reigned as European welterweight champion.

Former WBC junior middleweight champion Rocky Mattioli, an Australian based in Italy, who was dethroned by Briton, Maurice Hope, in March this year, is still nursing the wrist he broke in that defense. His beautiful wife has recently presented him with a bouncing boy, which should make Rocky feel a little happier.

In the first six months of this year, we have had sixteen European title fights. This is seven more than in the same period of 1978.

In Germany, in the first six months of 1979, ten promotions were staged in eight towns. This was two more than in the same period last year. Koblenz had three programs of boxing, Berlin, Dusseldorf, Essen, Hamburg, Lubeck, Munich and Neustadt, one each. Twenty-three boxers were active (twenty-nine in 1978), twenty-one licensed by the BDB and two by the VDF. Eight foreigners based in Germany hold licenses and two are registered with the VDF. Ten Germans fought abroad, winning one, losing eight, and drawing one.

The president of the BDB (*Bundes Deutscher Berufsboxer*), 59-year-old Theodor Wittenbrink, together with his secretary, were gagged and tied up in the BDB office in Hamburg. The two masked bandits took away DM 10,000 in cash and a half a million marks worth of jewelery, which included a ring and a wrist watch worth DM 150,000. Theo, suffering from the shock, is recovering in a hospital. He had often been warned for wearing expensive jewelery in public, but "Goldfinger," as he was called said he felt it was safer to wear the jewelery than to leave it at home.

FRANCE

▲ **Liege**—Welters: Jean Marie Touati decisioned Bouziani over six rounds.

▲ **Tarbeo**—Middles Pierre Joly beat Kassongo Muhando on points, eight.

▲ **Paris**—Heavyweights: Sylvain Watbled kayoed Same Maye, three. Middles: Jean Luc Lami beat Gerard Breton on points, six. Welters: Guerrero Ray Chavez knocked out Ronald Zenon, three. Welterweights: Costa Azevedo beat Louis Arcaries on points, ten. Junior welters: Robert Gambini beat Sam Hailstock, U.S.A., the third man calling a halt in the third when the visitor was cut.

▲ **Dhuizon**—Welterweights: Jean Pierre Moreau beat Pierre Koenig on points over six rounds.

▲ **Alfortville**—Junior middleweights: Georges Warusfel beat Daniel Boulesax on points, eight.

▲ **Uivier au Court**—Heavyweights: in an eliminator, Christian Poncelet beat Gerald Bois on points, twelve.

▲ **St. Nazaire**—Junior lightweights: Alain Lefol beat Roland Cazeaux on points, eight. After the bout, Cazeaux announced his retirement.

▲ **Argenteuil**—Light heavyweights: Jean Louis Martin beat Alfred Kohler on points, six.

▲ **Troyes**—Patrick Drelon drew his eight-rounder with Patrick Goblet.

▲ **Valence**—Charles Jurietti won the French junior lightweight title, outscoring champion Maurice Apeang, twelve.

▲ **Perigueux**—Gratien Tonna retained his French middle title, stopping Gerard Nosely, eight. Middleweights: Jacques Chinon kayoed Idrissa Konate, eight. Lightweights: Samuel Mech beat Georges Cotin on points, eight.

▲ **Tourcoing**—Feathers: Maurice Fico beat Georges Lietaer, the referee calling a halt in round eight.

▲ **Dunkerque**—Joe Kimpuani won the European junior welter title from Jose Luis Heredia, the third man stopping the engagement in round three. Welters: In a eliminator, Fred Coranson kayoed Jacques van Mellaerts, three. Lightweights: Dan M'Putu brought his score to nineteen wins in 20 bouts outpointing Buigo Crooks over ten rounds.

▲ **Esch sur Alzetti**—Junior middleweights: Celestine Kanyunda beat Maurice Renaud on points, six.

▲ **Weheren**—Heavyweights: Maurice Trepant kayoed Roland, five.

▲ **Arles**—Welterweights: Alain Ruocco knocked out Juan Agosta, five.

▲ **Meru**—Heavyweights: Eric Kopec drew his eight-rounder with Maurice Trepant.

▲ **Paris**—Heavyweights: Sylvain Watbled kayoed Ewu Meinhen, one. Junior welterweights: Tex Nhalanhete beat Jimmy Kante on points, six. Welterweights: Claude Lancastre beat Lucien Campo in round three. A doctor called in to inspect Campo's cuts advised to quit. Welters: William Collet outpointed Pierre Koenig, six.

▲ **St. Malo**—Junior welterweights: Yannick Blandin TKO'd Jean Claude Lafarge, five

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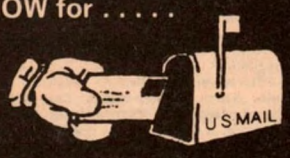

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3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Al Syben (B)
5. Paul SXZKES (GB)
6. Tommy Kiely (GB)
7. Les Stevens (GB)
8. Lucien Rodriguez (S)
9. Tony Moore (GB)
10. George Butzbach (G)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Adoni Amana (S)
3. Jimmy Batten (GB)
4. Damiano Lassandro (I)
5. Pat Thomas (GB)
6. Luigi Minchillo (I)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Claude Martin (F)
9. Adrie Huusen (H)
10. Dave Proud (GB)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Nash (GB)
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Ray Cattouse (GB)
3. Perico Fernandez (S)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Giancarlo Usai (I)
6. Manuel Velasquez (S)
7. Paperito Gimmenez (S)
8. Didier Kowalski
9. Angelo Provenzaro (I)
10. Antonio Guinaldo (S)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Aldo Traversaro (I)
4. Hocine Tafer (F)
5. Avenamar Peralta (S)
6. Ennio Cometti (I)
7. David Conteh (GB)
8. Bunny Johnson (GB)
9. Harold Skog (N)
10. Robert Amory (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
3. Kirkland Laing (GB)
4. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
5. Giovanni Molesini (I)
6. Louis Acaries (F)
7. Richard Rodriguez (F)
8. Joey Mack (GB)
9. Alois Carmeliet (B)
10. Henry Rhiney (GB)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
1. Carlos Fernandez (S)
2. Natale Vezzoli (I)
3. Charles Jurietti (F)
4. Maurice Apeang (F)
5. Isidor Cabeza (S)
6. Ramon Marichal (S)
7. Artistide Pizzo (I)
8. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
9. Nino Jimenez (S)
10. Cosimo Lavino (I)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
3. Tony Sibson (GB)
4. Frankie Lucas (GB)
5. Matteo Salvemini (I)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Alfredo Naveiras (S)
8. George Steinherr (G)
9. Alvaro Scarpelli (I)
10. Roy Gumbs (GB)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jo Kimpuani (F)
1. Fernando Sanchez (S)
2. Jose Luis Heredia (S)
3. Colin Powers (GB)
4. Giusseppe Martinese (I)
5. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
6. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
7. Des Morrison (GB)
8. Roberto Gambini (F)
9. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
10. Giuseppe Corbo (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Dave Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Pat Cowdell (GB)
5. Jimmy Flint (GB)
6. Natale Garedda (I)
7. Salvatore Melluzzo (F)
8. Les Pickett (GB)
9. Nani Rodriguez (S)
10. Gerard Jacob (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
1. Johnny Owen (GB)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Estaban Eguia (S)
4. Laurent Grimbert (F)
5. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
6. Giuseppe Fossati (I)
7. Dave Smith (GB)
8. John Feeney (GB)
9. Luigi Tessarin (I)
10. Valero Nati (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Franco Udella (I)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Manuel Carrasco (S)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Franco Buglione (I)
6. Mariano Garcia (S)
7. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
8. Rodriguez Cal (S)
9. Claude Tanda (I)
10. Filippo Belvedere (I)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Sw) Sweden; (Y) Yugoslavia.

▲ **Monte Carlo**—In a world title eliminator, South African heavyweight, Gerrie Coetzee, TKO'd Leon Spinks, U.S.A., one. Heavyweights: Lucien Rodriguez, France, kayoed Mamoud Faddel, U.S.A., two. Heavyweights: Randy Stephens lost on points to fellow American Leroy Diggs, ten. Welters: Sylvain Watbled, France, TKO'd Gerry Folley, U.S.A., six. Claudio Cassanelli beat fellow Italian Fausto Constantino on points, six. Lightweights: Boza Edwards, Great Britain, stopped Fernando Gimenez, Puerto Rican, five.

DENMARK

▲ **Randers**—Briton Dave Green lost his European welter weight title to Dane Jorgen Hansen, TKO3. Briton Ken Buchanon, former world lightweight champion, made a comeback after nearly four years and celebrated his thirty-fourth birthday by outscoring Puerto Rican, Benny Benitez over eight rounds. Ray Hammond took a standing count in round six but stayed the full course of eight rounds to lose on points to Ayub Kalule. Undefeated Henrik Palm, Denmark, got a home town decision, a draw, at the end of his eight-rounder with Lloyd Lee. Junior middles: Torben Andersen, Denmark, outscored Billy Lauder, six. Middles: Poul Baekgard, Denmark, decisioned Muhammed Ali, Ghana, four.

▲ **Randers**—A crowd of 3,000 saw welter Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, stop Austrian Josef Pachler in nine rounds. It was Palm's 25th victory. Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Denmark, decisioned Rogelio Zarza (26) over ten rounds. Kalule's left shoulder was apparently still bothering, him for he again fought exclusively with his right. Torben Andersen, Denmark, outscored German Wolfgang Gans, over six rounds. Middleweights: Poul Baekgaard, Denmark, decisioned Corrado Sortino, Italy, over four.

▲ **Bilbao**—Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, retained his European junior middleweight title stopping Spaniard, Adoni Amana, eight.

BELGIUM

▲ **Tiems**—Briton Prince Rodney decisioned Robert Langewuyters, Belgium, over eight rounds.

▲ **Brussels**—Heavyweights: Al Syben, Belgium, won on points over ten rounds against Briton George Scott.

NORWAY

▲ **Oslo**—Briton Tim Wood, light heavy, beat Puerto Rican, Wilson Perez, based in Sweden, in four rounds. Perez was taken to the hospital with suspected broken ribs. Heavyweights: Briton Terry O'Connor outscored Thomas Blythd, Sweden, over six.

HOLLAND

▲ **Amsterdam**—European light heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans, Holland, TKO'd his French challenger, Robert Amory, ten. Undefeated junior middle champion of Holland Adrie Huusen beat Briton Bob Mays, in a thrilling eight-rounder. Dutch heavyweight champion Hennie Thonen (105 kilo) got a 2-1 vote over Frenchman Christian Poncelet (88 Kilo), eight. Lightweights: Alex Blanchard, Holland, in his fourth professional bout, kayoed Jean Lami, France, two.

GERMANY

▲ **Munich**—In a circus tent, nearly 3,000 fans saw a program of boxing promoted by Ottmar Graf. In the main event, German middleweight George Steinherr outscored Frenchman Joel Bonnetaz, over ten rounds. This was the third time the match had been made, two previous dates being cancelled because of injuries. Middleweights: Wolfgang Lechner (twenty-two) drew his four-rounder with the local based American, Michael McCoy. Junior welters: Juan Jose Gimenez, who had lost only three of his sixty-seven bouts, kayoed Alan Salomon, Venezuela, eight. Lightweights: Juan Jose Ribeiro, Argentina, outscored German Dieter Schantz, six.

▲ **Berlin**—Gregory Downes outpointed German Karl Heinz Schulz, eight.

▲ **Koblenz**—Four hundred saw Helmu Slonke's show, which featured a German BDB lightweight title fight between Dieter Shantz and Klaus Jakoby. Schantz kayoed Jakoby with seventy-five seconds gone of the second, landing a right to the chin. Heavyweights: Ibelo Moave (24), born in Zaire and based in Luxembourg, TKO'd German Hansi Michel, two. Middles: Rudiger Bitterling, Germany, beat Michael McCoy, U.S.A. based in Germany, on points, six. Junior middles: Josef Kossmann, Germany, beat Giampaolo Piras, Italy, based in Germany, on points, eight.

SPAIN

▲ **Palma de Mallorca**—Felipe Rodriguez retained his Spanish heavyweight title, stopping Francisco Fiol, nine. Junior middleweights: Cristobal Crespi outscored Jose Manuel Domingo, eight.

▲ **Cuenca**—In a Spanish lightweight title fight, Manuel Velasquez outscored Manuel Alcala Cruz, ten.

▲ **Santander**—Lightweights: Cecilio Lastra decisioned Isidoro Cabeza, eight. Feathers: Luis De La Sagra decisioned Torito Gomez, eight.

▲ **Barcelona**—Middleweights: Juarez de Lima beat Alfredo Naveiras, who was disqualified in round five. Featherweights: Miguel Figueroa met Juan Rodriguez, and the fight was declared no contest in round seven. Manuel Masso hatted Claudio Dos Santos, four. Lights: Francisco Leon TKO'd Leon Mejias, four. Heavyweights: Joe Tarzan outscored Manuel Clay Dalmeira, four.

▲ **Logrono**—Welterweights: Perico Fernandez decisioned Jesus Rodriguez de la Rose, eight. Featherweights: Esteban Eguia outscored Angel Oliver, eight.

▲ **Elbar**—Junior middles: Andoni Amana stopped Angel Luis Ortiz, five. Middleweights: Inaki Gorostidi halted Jose Maria Omedes, two. Welters: Jose Maria Arrizabalaga stopped Mohamed Chejidi, four.

▲ **Santander**—Featherweights: Cecilio Lastra, Spain, halted Frenchman Michel Lefebvre in two rounds. Feathers:

Roberto Castanon outscored Carlos Foldes, eight. Welters: Torito Gomez decisioned Mimoun Mohatar, eight.

▲ **Bilbao**—In a supporting bout to the Benes-Amana European junior middleweight title fight, 9000 saw an eight-rounder between Richard Rodriguez, France, and Fernando Sanchez, Spain, which the Frenchman won on points.

▲ **Miranda da Elbro**—European Junior lightweight champion Carlos Fernandez lost his crown to fellow countryman Rodolfo Sanchez on points over twelve rounds.

AUSTRIA

▲ **Waidhofen**—Junior middleweights: Otto Zinoder outscored Dieter Schantz, eight. Fritz Kremslehner decisioned Josef Kossmann, six. Middleweights: Nazif Biberonic TKO'd Giampaolo Piras, four.

ITALY

▲ **Pesaro**—Luigi Minchillo knocked out Clemente Gessi, one, to win the vacant Italian junior middleweight title.

▲ **Rieti**—In an Italian middleweight title fight, Matteo Salvemini outscored Roberto Felicioni, twelve.

▲ **Canepina**—Italian junior lightweight champion, Salvatore Liscapade outpointed Sergio Emili, twelve.

▲ **Barlette**—Middleweights: Matteo Salvemini kayoed Jimmy Pickard, seven. Junior welters: Guiseppe Ruggi decisioned Luciano Navarra, eight.

▲ **Sassari**—Bruno De Montis outscored Giuseppe Aga, eight.

▲ **Rome**—Roberto Felicione outscored Sonny Kamunga, eight.

▲ **Brindisi**—Cosimo Lavino decisioned Malquedas Da Silva, eight.

▲ **Bologna**—Flyweights: Giovanni Camputaro outpointed Claudio Tando, eight.

▲ **Torino**—Flyweights: Paolo Castrovilli TKO'd Salvatore Lanconi, two. Junior welters: Francesco Marcello stopped Luigi Dal Santo, two. Light heavy: Gianni Filipetto TKO'd Jose Centa, four.

▲ **Milan**—Giusseppi Fossati outscored Luigi Tessarin, twelve, in a bout for the Italian bantamweight title. Junior middles: Silvo Migali outscored Corrado Sortino, six.

▲ **Ostia**—Junior middleweights: Libero Moi outscored Esperno Postl, eight. Lightweights: Rosario Pomoni halted Herbert Transmuth, four.

▲ **Naples**—Heavyweights: Giovanni De Luca outscored Vasco Fausthino, ten.

▲ **Pesaro**—In a bout for the Italian welterweight title, Luigi Minchillo kayoed Clemente Gessi in round one. Junior lights: Leo Scorza decisioned Luigi de Rosa, six. Junior welters: Eupremio Epifani outscored Antonio Moir, six.

▲ **Rimini**—Middles: Raffael Prete TKO'd Giuseppe Cola, three. Welters: Pierangelo Pira outscored Manuel Lira, eight. Heavyweights: Alfio Righetti decisioned Avenamar Peralta, ten.

▲ **Rome**—Middleweights: Nicola Cirelli TKO'd Jacque Chinon, five. Light heavyweights: Lino Lemma decisioned Luciano Bolis, six.

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JAPAN

MURATA-OH

Tokyo, Japan — Unbeaten speedster Eijiro Murata, 118, showed increased punching power as he impressively flattened Dong-Yul Oh, Korea's second-ranked bantamweight, 117¾, with a solid right at 3:08 of the second session in their scheduled twelve-round contest.

The Korean Oh was a sturdy newcomer with a professional record of 7-3-1, with two kayoes, after his amateur career.

The 22-year-old Murata started out jabbing his shorter rival cautiously in the opening session. His footwork was smooth and swift enough to prevent Oh from scoring with his strong left uppercuts to the midsection Murata, in round two, connected with sharp short punches to the face and body of Oh, who was forced to cover himself up.

Near the end of the round, Murata landed a wicked countering right to the jaw with perfect timing. Down went Oh. The loser could neither beat the count nor even move.

Murata, the WBA's sixth ranked bantamweight, kept his OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) crown for the second time since winning it by whipping Korean champ Yung-Shik Kim last year in Tokyo.

Despite the recent Japanese tendency of having less experienced hopes fight WBA or WBC champions for the title, Murata's manager, former Oriental feather titlist Shigeji Kaneko, said to the reporter, "At least five more bouts will be required before my boy exchanges gloves with the world champ. Murata must learn more from veteran trainer Eddie Taunsend. It is very fortunate for him to be able to continue his winning streak, but he'll have to face name top notchers before he meets Jorge Lujan or Guadalupe Pintor." The manager's plot seems wise enough. Murata upped his record to thirteen wins, including ten knockouts, against a draw (with Korean champ In-Kyu Park). Truly, Eijiro is one of the best drawing cards in Japan.

In a supporting ten, lefty puncher Keno Kashi, 129, made short work of Hideyoshi Horinaga, 129 pounds, whom he downed to the ropes three in the second round for an automatic kayo win at 1:52. Kashi, now 11-4-4 with eight kayoes, is a strong southpaw.

Junior lightweight Kazuaki Hamada, ex-Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournament winner of Tokyo at 130, was held to a split draw by rugged and tough Shizuo Tosaka, 130, in six rounds.

Some 1,800 fans were in attendance at the Hall.

JAPAN

▲ **NIIGATA CITY GYMNASIUM** — Japan's flyweight champion, Koichi Maki, 111¾ pounds, gained a unanimous decision over Masaru Fuji, a taller challenger at 112 in ten heats. It was Maki's third defense since he wrested the national crown from Kenji Kato last year. The jabber, Maki, made good use of his left hand and completely befuddled his slower opponent.

Despite Fuji's previous upset kayo over hard-hitting Masami Sekiyama, his inferior speed and weak combinations made him a victim of Maki's sharp two-fisted attack all the way.

▲ **OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM** — Short but very tricky Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto, the national featherweight boss at 125¼, registered his fifth defense, as he battered lanky Namio Akamine, 125, and won a shutout decision in ten frames. Some three thousand spectators were in attendance. Nemoto, twenty-eight years of age and 32-7-2 with eight kayoes, chased the taller challenger from the start. Akamine, twenty-five, attempted to outjab the nonstop chaser, but there seemed to be no room for him to score with long punches because of Spider's harsh attack. Though Akamine, 13-2-1, hit the deck from a wild left hook in round seven, he fought better than expected. He endured the storm of Spider, whose brutal short punches faded somewhat as the contest progressed.

The official scoresheets appeared to have evaluated Spider's aggressiveness a bit too much: referee Kurume and judge Uenaka both 50-41 and judge Kashiwagi 50-39. Since beaten by Panama's Ernest Marcel via a ninth-round kayo in September, 1973, Spider, who stands 5'1'', improved his infighting skills to remain unbeaten except for a hairline loss to Royal Kobayashi, the current OPBF feather champ, last year.

In a semi six, Tomio Nakamura, a local feather hope at 125, scored a decision over Shozo Okubo, 126 pounds.

There were also six four-rounders on promoter Kambayashi's card.

▲ **IIDA CITY GYMNASIUM** — The JBC's seventh-ranked bantam, Susumu Shimba, outscored Killer Akimoto in the ten-round main event. Each entered the ring at the 118-pound limit.

▲ **YOKOHAMA CULTURAL GYMNASIUM** — Hard-hitting footworker Shuzo Yoshida, 123¾, fought well, but he absorbed a lot of punishment in the breadbasket from the harsh attack of Juan Antonio Lopez, the WBC's seventh-ranked super bantamweight from Mexico at 123¾ pounds, and sank for the count in the ninth round before three thousand spectators.

Having been beaten by WBC champ Wilfredo Gomez within the distance last year, Lopez was regarded as a rather good opponent for the rising Japanese who had tabbed three consecutive kayoes last year.

However, Yoshida's lay-off for a half year proved to be a factor. The Nipponese' sharpness did not continue in the second half, as Lopez cleverly solved Yoshida's aggressive but monotonous attack by retaliating with short body punches. The Mexican veteran, with fifty-two wins (twenty-five kayoes) against ten defeats, dominated the fifth and sixth rounds. While they battled on even terms at close range in rounds seven and eight, Lopez commenced bleeding from the left side of his head.

Despite that handicap, which almost caused a stoppage after a JBC physician's exam, Lopez scored with vicious body shots and dropped his fading rival on three occasions in the ninth session.

Juan, the father of five children, was awarded an automatic knockout win in his first appearance in Japan.

For Yoshida, the JBC's top feather contender, it was his twelfth loss against twenty-seven victories (fifteen by kayo) and two draws.

In a companion ten, Yoshida's stablemate and Japan's middleweight champ, Katsuo Esashi, 160½, had to retire midway in the fifth round with a bad gash over his left eyebrow, after taking some straight punches from Caesar Sasaki, 161.

The unbeaten Sasaki, 5-0 with two kayoes, was this year's Shinjin-o (Novice King) winner in the 160-pound class. His height and reach make him look promising.

In a supporting eight, Japan's top junior flyweight ranker, Masaharu Inami, 110, finished slower Nobuo Horigome, at 109¾, in the third round. In another eight, Phenix Taniguchi, 108½, outscored Ken Kasugai, a local favorite, at 110 pounds.

It was a gloomy night for Yokohama Kyoei Club, to which losers Yoshida and Esashi belonged and which promoted the card.

▲ **HACHINOHE CITY, AOMORI PREFECTURE** — Short but hard punching Minoru Sugiya, 142¼, caught Tatsuo Ohara, half a pound heavier, and stopped him in the third session of their scheduled ten rounder. Sugiya, the JBC's second-ranked junior welterweight, had been demolished by Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, last year, but he is on the comeback trail.

In a preliminary six, bantam Kimio Kamata decisioned Masanobu Takano.

It was Kyoei Promotion's card, and it gathered some two thousand customers.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — It was a dual tenner presented by Yonekura Promotion. Before some sixteen hundred witnesses, flyweight puncher Shigeo Nakajima, 112, scored well with his specialty, solid left hooks, and downed Kubomura Tomihisa, 111¾, to the canvas and the ropes no less than five times. Ref Morita tolled the fatal ten against the groggy loser, who was taking a standing count with glassy eyes.

Nakajima, the 25-year-old ex-amateur University fighter, upped his record to 11-2-1 including seven knockouts.

In the first ten, JBC top junior feather speedster Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, was bothered by the awkward but aggressive style of Katsuji Sano, also at the limit, but fought back gamely at close quarters and won a unanimous decision. In spite of Iwam 's lack of power, he has registered thirteen wins (only four kayos) against five defeats and three draws.

In a heavyweight sixer, Super Riki, 220¼, still seemed amateurish, but outpowered Ken Oto, 198½, winning a shutout de-

cision. (Riki avenged a previous draw with Oto.) Lanky featherweight Toshiaki Tanaka managed to outpunch brutal lefty Jo Hayato in six.

▲ **YOKKAICHI CITY** — WBA junior middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, 153¾, had a narrow escape in the tenth round, but stopped Manuel Gonzales, a crafty Argentine at 152 pounds, in the twelfth session before some six thousand spectators at Yokkaichi City Gymnasium.

In the semi, junior lightweight Novice-King tournament winner Keizo Kurebayashi, 130, was held to a draw by lanky Kojiro Sasaki, 129¾, in ten dull frames.

In a junior feather six, Eijiro Kuruma, 122, dropped Shogo Tabata, 121½, three times and was awarded a kayo victory midway in the fourth round.

There were also two four-round bouts.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — Hard-hitting Masahiro Yokai relinquished his national lightweight title because of his intention to aim at the world title. Yokai, the WBC eighth contender at 140, then faced a trial horse named Mar Simbajon, the fourth-ranked Filipino lightweight at 138, but his performance was very far from satisfying the crowd of some two thousand fans.

Yokai won a close but unanimous decision (49-47, 48-47, and 48-46), but his lack of proper defense almost caused him to visit the canvas in the last two sessions.

The taller Yokai, with his longer and more muscular arms, attacked the twenty-year-old newcomer with free-swinging lefts and rights, though Simbajon cooly averted most of his solid punches. Yokai's aggressiveness made him dominate the sixth and seventh sessions. Simbajon, 15-3-2, with eight knockouts, realized his rival's superior power and attempted to counter him with sharp uppercuts, displaying good defensive tactics. Simbajon's best was seen in the tenth and final round, when he scored with short punches to the fading favorite and won the round by a clearcut margin.

Yokai, twenty-four years of age and with a record of 19-3, with thirteen kayos, must refrain from throwing wild blows like he did this night, if he hopes to cope with new WBC world champ Sang-Hyun Kim of Korea in the 140-pound class. Kim is a fast one-two combination puncher with height as great as Yokai's. The Japanese swinger must also improve his defensive ability.

In a semi-final ten, former kick-boxing champ Mitsuo Shima, a good proportioned feather at 121, demolished Bunjo Ando, 120½, with his exclusively repeated rights at 2:19 of the fourth round.

It was Shima's third bout, and he displayed some progress in the smooth use of his hands and feet.

In a supporting eight, Shinjin-o winner of this year, Jackal (Ryoetsu) Maruyama, 9-3-1 with four kayoes, barely eked out a hairline decision over tough Shinji Taki, a half-pound lighter at 116 pounds, as his points lead was a bit too much for Taki to overcome with his all-out retaliation.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — The card gathered 2,300 customers in to the 2,500-seating Hall, the biggest crowd to be seen here this year. The WBC's sixth-rated bantam, Shuichi Isogami, 117¾, faced a hitherto unbeaten ex-Olympian from the Montreal Games named Hitoshi Ishiagaki, 118, in ten scheduled rounds. Though Isogami was battered by Ishigaki's open attack in the first three rounds, he regained his pace, battered Hitoshi effectively, and was awarded a knockout at 1:32 of the ninth session.

The loser, Ishigaki, was two inches taller than the sturdy hooker who compiled nineteen wins, including thirteen kayoes against a loss and two draws. Though Ishigaki's professional record was only 6-0 with five kayos, he had registered 128 wins in 146 amateur contests during his Senshu University student days, including three decisions over the current OPBF bantam ruler Eijiro Murata, in as many meetings.

Ishigaki, who is piloted by ex-world challenger Yonekura, swarmed over the slow starting Isogami with a flurry of straight punches. Isogami's face began to swell up badly, but his body blows also began to catch the target from the fourth round on. It was in the seventh round that Ishigaki realized his considerable fatigue, which made him apply his expected hit-and-run tactics. Midway in the round, Isogami's left hook exploded at the ex-Olympian to send him to the canvas for the mandatory eight count.

Though he lasted the round, Ishigaki was downed to the ropes in round eight, after taking a bad beating from the nonstop stylist, Isogami. The ninth session saw referee Morita call a halt, as the aggressor made Ishigaki groggy. The loser, leaning against the ropes, looked helpless owing to his absorption of punishment.

By looking at Isogami's almost closed right eye, we could point out the necessity of his having to learn better defensive technique.

The winner was twenty-three, two years his junior but, as a professional, three years the exhausted losers senior.

In a semi-windup ten, solid-punching Kenichi Ito, JBC seventh featherweight at 123, was a TKO winner, as Satoru Hirata, the previous year's Novice King tounament victor at 123, was unable to answer the bell to commence the ninth session.

The shorter Hirata attempted to come close to the rough puncher, but what he gained for his efforts was not points but a bad cut at the right eyelid. The loser's corner wisely saved the bleeding Hirata from unnecessary punishment, for the end result was obvious.

In a preliminary six, flyweight Yasuo Azato, 112, decisioned Yoshinobu Sasaki, 111¼. The official nod was a majority decision due to Azato's unimpressive showing.

▲ **TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL** — Upright stylist James Callaghan, the son of an English father and a Japanese mother, was born in Yokohama twenty-three years ago, learned how to stand and fight in his childhood, and went to Liverpool to fight as an amateur boxer, winning twenty-four out of twenty-five contests with fifteen knockouts.

This was Jimmy's second pro bout, against Ghana's welterweight champ Abraham Mohammet Matsumoto, who was also reported to belong to Japan's Taiho Club.

Callaghan, 157, gained a close but unanimous decision over the very defensive Mohammet, 154½, in ten monotonous rounds. There were no knockdowns, although Jimmy threw plenty of straight hard punches throughout the contest. Mohammet was on the defensive throughout.

The 25-year-old Mohammet, two years his senior and with a record of 57-6-4 with twenty-two kayos, might have been surprised at Jimmy's opening attack, losing the second session. Mohammet won the fifth canto by a slight margin by using looping lefts, but his lack of aggression as well as his puzzling style caused some of the crowd to leave the Hall after the first half. Though Jimmy received a slight cut on the left eyebrow from a mutual butt, he dominated the seventh and eighth rounds to make it clear that he was the winner.

Referee Tazaki and judge Yoshida gave their ballots to Jimmy, 48-47, and judge Nakamori had it 49-48 also for Callaghan.

With his height and remarkable fighting spirit, Jimmy looked promising. Callaghan, now under the Kyoei Kawai Club of Yokohama, is rated as the fourth middleweight contender by the Japan Boxing Commission.

In a companion ten, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, Eiichi Fukumoto, 142¾, was annoyed by the strong short punches of Yoshiaki Ogino, 145½ and 16-3-1 (twelve kayos), but utilized his superior reach and won a majority decision (49-47, 47-45, and 47-47).

Fukumoto, 25, must improve his sharpness, especially in the close range.

We saw seven four-round preliminary bouts.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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(AS OF AUGUST 3, 1979)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Vacant
1. Chong Pal Park (K)
2. Cassius Naito (J)
3. Heun Won Kang (K)
4. Torkano Markos (A)
5. Rudy Siregar (I)
6. Ceaser Sasaki (J)
7. Katsuo Ezashi (J)
8. Kee Yong Chun (K)
9. James Carahan (J)
10. John Krisna (A)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Michihiro Horihata (J)
2. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (P)
3. Wally Carr (A)
4. YongTaek Kim (K)
5. Kenji Shibata (J)
6. Ramon Dionisio (P)
7. Chul Kwen Suh (K)
8. Chung Shik Kim (K)
9. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
10. Tito Gonzaga (P)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Mak Dok Lee (K)
1. Akie Kameda (J)
2. Joo Suk Kim (K)
3. Steve Dennis (A)
4. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
5. Gideon Toyogon (P)
6. Hector Thompson (A)
7. Dan De Guzman (P)
8. Namin Baek (K)
9. Burirum Suemisakavan (T)
10. Eddie Buttons (A)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Sang Mo Koo (K)
1. Ruben Rabago (P)
2. Chong Ho Kim (K)
3. Jeff Malcolm (A)
4. Thom Singthanongsakdi (T)
5. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
6. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
7. Togta Kiatvayayupakdi (T)
8. Minoru Sugiya (J)
9. Edward Heneral (P)
10. Baby Cassius Austin (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Yung Ho Oh (K)
1. Battle Hawk Kazama (J)
2. Manny Ysrael (P)
3. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
4. Barry Michel (A)
5. Lee Iidano (K)
6. Vechayn Senephitak (T)
7. Joe Lim (P)
8. NakYung Choi (K)
9. Masa Ito (J)
10. Dony Soriano (P)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Mun Suk Choi (K)
1. Johny Sato (P)
2. Tae Jin Mun (K)
3. Hikaru Tomonari (J)
4. Arman Bangoyan (P)
5. Larry Valesim (A)
6. Hyung Kil Chung (K)
7. Glenn Howard (A)
8. Woon Chul Shin (K)
9. Ryu Fukida (J)
10. Kunpholek Sakernphitak (T)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Klonyoth P. Punyoth (T)
3. Suk Tae Yun (K)
4. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
5. Bok Soo Hwang (K)
6. Nene June (P)
7. Fel Clemente (P)
8. Manus Lo-Ngerg (T)
9. Kenshi Ohto (J)
10. Rommy Malolena (P)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Soo Hyun Chung (K)
1. Ric Dimale (P)
2. Soo Hwang Hong (K)
3. Yu Kasahara (J)
4. Chung Chul Kim (K)
5. Brian Roberts (A)
6. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)
7. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
8. Chong Wo Baek (K)
9. Naptali Alamag (P)
10. Morkasayoi Muangsurin (T)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion:
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Hurricane Teru (J)
2. Paul Ferreri (A)
3. Billy Abato (P)
4. Takashi Uezu (J)
5. In Kyo Park (K)
6. Venice Borkorsor (T)
7. Jin Ishigaki (J)
8. Kosei Anan (J)
9. Rolald Sumalis (P)
10. Raffy Saulong (P)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Riki Igarashi (J)
1. Koichi Maki (J)
2. Arnel Arrozel (P)
3. Jiro Takada (J)
4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Tae Shik Kim (K)
6. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
7. Hwang Soo Yang (K)
8. Samthong Sithumrong (T)
9. Pedro Solo (A)
10. William Develos (A)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
2. Chung Cherng Borkorsor (T)
3. Junior Thompson (A)
4. Chungthep Chunwatana (T)
5. Graman Ueda (J)
6. Ver Libradilla (P)
7. Masaharu Inami (J)
8. Yong Hyun Kim (K)
9. Ben Aldeguer (P)
10. Bobby Williams (A)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.
Note: The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

Bantamweight Eijiro Murata has his hand raised after knocking out Korea's Dong Yel Oh with a right in the second round. Murata is still undefeated.

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL** — Unbeaten prospect Kwang-Min Kim, the WBA's fourth-ranked junior lightweight contender, earned an important decision over Yung-Ho Oh, OPBF champ in the 135-pound class in a ballyhooed eliminator to decide a challenger for the world title. The official nod was unanimous. Kwang-Min increased his record to fifteen victories against one draw.

▲ **SEOUL** — Cultural Gymnasium saw Nak-Yung Choi, Korea's top lightweight contender, defeat Toru Sugawara, from Tokyo, by a unanimous decision in ten. In a supporting eight, junior flyweight puncher Cha-Ho Cho was awarded a TKO over Japanese Kubomura Tomihisa in the third round because the loser bled too profusely from the gash over the left eyebrow. Up to the stoppage, Cho had overwhelmed Kubomura.

▲ **SEOUL** — Korea's middleweight champion, Chong-Pal Park, outpowered lefty Nipponese Michihiro Horihata from the start and polished him off in the third session of their scheduled tenner. Horihata, for fear of Park's vaunted power, kept retreating, but was caught with the national champ's wicked body punch.

Horihata who had beaten then OPBF welterweight boss Ryu Sorimachi via an upset decision in Tokyo months before, suffered a knockdown near the end of the opening session. Thereafter, it was a very onesided affair.

▲ **SEOUL** — OPBF welterweight champion Man-Dok Lee, 144¾, engaged in his first defense since he captured the title by demolishing Japan's Ryu Sorimachi in six furious rounds in Tokyo on March 26.

Lee successfully retained his new throne as he gained a lopsided decision over Mitsuo Kushikino, Japan's top welter contender at 144¼, in twelve frames. The 23-year-old Lee's superior power proved too much for the Nipponese challenger. The Korean hope's record is now 9-2 with seven knockouts.

▲ **SEOUL** — Short but sturdy Filipino Erning Grafe, 131¼, scored an upset victory over OPBF junior lightweight champ Moon-Suk Choi, 132¾, whom the underdog battered exclusively at the solar plexus and sank in the fourth of their scheduled non-title tenner. Owing to Grafe's previous loss in Korea, the Filipino import had been regarded as a rather easy victim for the hard-hitting OPBF titlist. However, his body bombardments were sticky enough to weaken Choi and put him flat on the deck for the fatal ten count.

Grafe caused a great surprise among the Korean crowd, and will be invited there to meet Lee in a rematch in the near future.

In a companion ten on Keukdong Promotion's card, Korea's flyweight champ, Seung-Hoon Lee, 112¼ pounds, earned a unanimous decision over Prudencio Cardona, at the same weight.

▲ **PUSAN** — Hard-punching OPBF junior featherweight champion Soon-Hyun Chung, who is currently rated by *The Ring*, successfully kept his laurels by beating Thai veteran Thanomchit Sukothai in twelve heats. Each fighter tipped the bea at 121¾ pounds.

This was Chung's tune-up go in preparation for his rematch with the WBA 122-pound class titlist, Ricardo Cardona of Colombia.

▲ **PUSAN** — It was Champion Promotion's card featuring ex-champions' showings. Former OPBF bantam ruler Yung-Shik Kim, 122¾, pounded out a unanimous nod over compatriot Chung-Chul Kim, 121½, in ten.

In a supporting ten, lanky lefty and ex-national boss Hak-Yung Kim, 114¾, proved too sharp and ringwise, winning a unanimous decision over Yung-Hwan Kim, the KBC's third-ranked flyweight contender, after a long layoff.

PHILIPPINES

▲ **SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA** — GAB flyweight champion Arnel Arrozal, 116, engaged in an overweight card with former world champ Bernabe Villacampo, also at 116 pounds, and scored a technical knockout in the fourth round.

Villacampo, thirty-four, was no match for the younger, sharper Arrozal, who was called "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB due to his impressive victory.

Promoter Antonio Esguerra presented three more tenners. The eighth 130-pounder of the Philippines, Alex David scored a TKO over Romeo Olivetti in the eighth round. Both entered the ring at the junior lightweight limit. Ex-Orient lightweight boss Fred Pastor, 142, lost in an upset unanimous decision to Mike DeGuzman, 143, in ten rounds. Junior light Young Dela Cruz, 132, unanimously whipped Rocky Gernandizo, 131, in ten.

▲ **RMC (Rizal Memorial Coliseum), MANILA** — Filipino junior flyweight champ Siony Carupo is the fighter who drew with current world flyweight leader Chan-Hee Park in ten close frames in Korea last February. This night, Carupo, 108, successfully kept his national crown by beating Ver Libradilla, 108, in twelve unanimous rounds.

Carupo, the WBC's ninth-ranked contender, may deserve a rematch with Park, with the latter's world title at stake.

It was impresario Martin Cepeda's deluxe card, and it featured four other tenners.

Frank Cedeno, a flyweight at 113, was awarded a split nod over Lino Boy Base, 111, ten. GAB fifth banty Roland Sumalis, 117½, gained a unanimous nod from Noe Canino, 118½,in ten. Romy Cunanan, Filipino second feather at 129¼, displayed his superior power in knocking out Primo Bulambao, 127½, in the seventh round. Flash Jagdon, 112, was held to a split draw by Diego De Villa, 109½, in the first tenner.

▲ **DAVAO CITY** — Guideon Toyogan has held his national welterweight crown for two and a half years. Toyogan entered the ring one pound heavier than the limit to meet the lighter William Mardizon, 139, scoring a TKO in the eleventh session of a scheduled twelve-round main event. In a semi-windup ten, Roy Arcillas, 120½, technically kayoed Gerry Dominguez, 120½, in the fourth round.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY** — In Agustin Garcia's four-tenner card, national junior featherweight boss Ric Diamale, 122 pounds, was a TKO victor over Ric Quijano, the former Orient champ at 126, in the main event. Diamale's aggressiveness overwhelmed Quijano, who had been dethroned by Korean Soon—Hyun Chung in April, 1978.

In a semi, lefty hope Johnny Sato, 130½, halted Nitoy Bantilan, 130½, in the seventh round to continue his winning streak.

Flyweight Gerge Pedroso, 112, defeated Abdul Marajan, 107, by a unanimous decision in ten. Lightweight Nick Caputol, 134, scored a technical knockout over Frankie Tayo, 134½, in the fourth round.

▲ **PAYTAY, RIZAL** — Banty Ador Seuin, 118, unanimously whipped Rolando Rosuento, 118, in a ten-round event promoted by Antero Velandria, Jr.

▲ **SOUTH COTABATO** — Lightweight Hermie Villanueva, 135, was TKO'd by Vincent Mawas, 135, in the sixth session of a scheduled ten.

▲ **CEBU CITY** — GAB's second-rated junior middleweight, Tito Gonzaga, 159, showed not only his weight advantage but also his freshness in winning a unanimous decision over ex-national boss Armando Boniquit, 151½, in ten.

In a semi-final, welterweight Jimmy Abarca, 141, amazed the crowd, as he impressively finished Al Del Rosario, 140, in the first round. Bantam Noe Canino, 119¼, and Hadji Humawid, 116, battled to a technical draw in the first ten-rounder.

▲ **ANGELS CITY** — Boy Reys, the GAB's second-rated junior lightweight, 130, decisively beat Alex Bitong, 130 pounds, in ten unanimous rounds.

▲ **BAGUIO CITY** — What happened to former Orient champ Rey Tam after he surrendered to Alexis Arguello within the distance in Los Angeles last year? Tam continued a losing run, so he gave his crown to Korea's Moon-Suk Choi via a kayo route last November. This night, Tam suffered another setback, being stopped by Rudy Solis, the GAB's fourth-ranked 130-pounder, in the third round of a scheduled ten. Tam entered the ring four pounds heavier than Solis' 131¾.

Flyweight contender Melchor Degsi, 111, won a unanimous nod over Ben Aldeguer, 110, in ten.

Flyweight puncher Tito Abella, 113, registered a fourth-round TKO over Jimmy Boy, 114, in a scheduled ten.

▲ **ROMBLON** — The top junior middle contender of the Philippines, Ramon Dionisio, 146½, scored a technical knockout over Dommy Cotacte, one pound heavier, in the seventh session. The semi-final witnessed a quicker finish, Larry Enriguez, 118, halting Rey Orbino, 118, in the second round. The dual tenner was promoted by Galorde Enterprises.

▲ **DAVAO DEL NORTE** — Jun Belemac, 120, lost to Rey Naduma, Jr., via a seventh round TKO in their ten-round main event on impresario Margarito Daramayo's card.

Junior flyweight Little Carupo, 110, stopped Cris Maratas, 110, in the sixth session of the first ten.

▲ **QUEZON CITY** — Flyweight prospect Ali Formentera, 111¾, scored TKO in the tenth and final round over Rene Busayong, 111¾.

▲ **ANGELS CITY** — Filipino lightweight Dony Soriano, 136, proved more experienced and stronger than Mar Marin, 137, from whom he copped a unanimous duke in ten. Ex-national junior light boss, Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, 128, pounded out a unanimous nod over Mar Agustin, 128, in ten heats. In the first ten, banty Faffy Saulong, 118, was awarded a technical decision over Rene Cruz, 118 pounds.

▲ **RMC, MANILA** — The WBC's fourth-ranked lightweight, Celso Esmero, 134, dropped a surprising TKO to Korean newcomer Hyung-Kil Chun, 136½, in the ninth of their ten-round main evented promoted by Galorde Enterprises.

In the semi, former world fly and bantamweight challenger Fernando Cabanela, 123, was held to a majority draw by Rudy Patalinhug, 119 pounds, in ten. (Rudy is the second-ranked 122-pounder of the GAB.)

Fel Viesca, Jr., 125½, finished Eddie Ballaran, 127, in the seve th round.

Flyweight hope William Develos, 113, was a points winner over Diony Diaz, 112, in ten unanimous rounds.

▲ **MISAMIS ORIENTAL** — Overweight flyweight Danilo Inocian, 114, looked impressive as he knocked out Danilo Gonzaga, 114, in the second session.

▲ **DUMAGUETE CITY** — Super bantam veteran San Sacristan, 123, unanimously decisioned Andy Saxon, 123, in ten rounds presented by impresario Felix Vilas, Sr.

▲ **VIGAN, ILOOS SUR** — It was Juanito Uy's card. Lito Pena, 130, defeated Eddie Camero, 129 pounds, by a unanimous decision in ten.

THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM** — Thailand's boxing has, in one class, three kinds of titles — that is, of the TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission), of Rajadermnern Stadium and of Lumpinee Stadium. The country of Kick Boxing sees individual ratings of the two outstanding stadiums, apart from the official rankings of the TBC, which currently recognizes one of the two Stadium champs as the legitimate Thai champion in each weight class.

Hard-hitting Chokchai Kiatsingnoi gained the vacant lightweight title of Lumpinee Stadium, as he amazed the crowd with a first-round knockout over Changton Singthanongsakdi.

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM** — TBC top welterweight Burirum Suenmisakavan successfully defended the Lumpinee title when Thamington Singsamang was unable to fight on because of his badly swollen and closed eye in the fourth round. The ring physician advised the third man to call a halt.

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM** — Junior feather hope Piswong Sithbungerd lost an upset decision to Srinill Sithjular in six limited rounds. The winner, Sithjular, entered the TBC ratings as the tenth man in the featherweight division.

▲ **BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM** — Flyweight Rearngnoi Donjaedee won a six-round decision over Anannoi Phanpichai.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM** — Junior flyweight Komlek S. Thanikul knocked out Ittiphol Sithtaksin in the third round.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM** — TBC eighth-rated flyweight Pornchai Sakdiphotong stopped unknown and overmatched Thongsook Sakdisamran in the fourth round.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM** — Flyweight Saifah S. Phayathai pounded out a decision over Mathuphoom Siththamrong in six.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM** — TBC 108-pounder Srithuncha Sithsanee looked impressive in finishing Kaithong Muangkhonkan in the first round.

▲ **BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM** — Thai third lightweight contender Chainarong Chutinavy defeated Santi Rochanamongkol in six rounds.

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PAN AMERICAN GAMES

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO — Results of boxing competition in Pan American games VIII at Roberto Clemente Stadium.

HEAVYWEIGHTS — Cuba's Teofilo Stevenson won the Gold Medal with a one-round knockout over Ruffus "Bubba" Hadley of the U.S. in the semi-finals and a first round stoppage of Narcisco Maldonado of Puerto Rico in the finals.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS — Tony Tucker, U.S.A., easily outpointed Puerto Rico's Dennis Jackson in the finals.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS — Jose Gomez, Cuba, kayoed Carlos Fonseca, Brazil, one. (Finals)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS — Jose Molina, Puerto Rico, scored an upset TKO victory over James Shular, U.S.A., two. (Finals)

WELTERWEIGHTS — Andres Aldama, Cuba, came from behind to kayo Mike McCallum of Jamaica in the second with a lightning left hook. (Finals)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS — Lemuel Steeples, U.S.A., beat Cuban Jose Aguilar in the semis and outpointed Hugo Hernandez, Argentina, in the finals.

LIGHTWEIGHTS — Adolfo Horta, Cuba, won a close decision over Roberto Andino, Puerto Rico, in the finals.

FEATHERWEIGHTS — Bernard Taylor, U.S.A., outscored Naudi Pinero, Venezuela. (Finals)

BANTAMWEIGHTS — Jackie Beard, U.S.A., edged Cuban Hector Lazaro in the semis and scored a clear cut win over Puerto Rican Luis Pizarro in the finals.

FLYWEIGHTS — Alberto Mercado, Puerto Rico, eked out a close but unanimous decision over Pedro Nolasco of the Dominican Republic. (Finals)

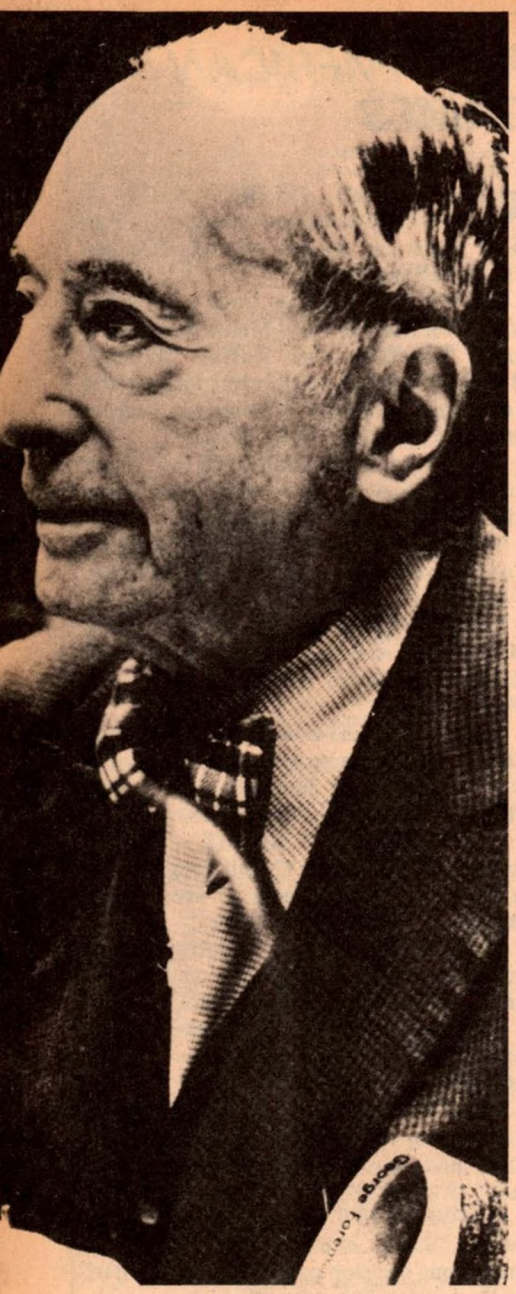
LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS — Hector Ramirez, Cuba, won a very disputed decision over Richard Sandoval of California, U.S.A.

Cuba won a total of five Gold Medals in boxing, to four for the U.S. and two for Puerto Rico. This was an improvement for the U.S., which garnered only three Gold Medals in the last Pan American Games held in Mexico City.

Bob Surkein, the vice chairman of the AAU Boxing Committee, thinks that the United States will "have someone" for Stevenson in the Olympic Games in Moscow. There are three likely candidates: Marvis Frazier, Tony Tubbs, and a 6'4" west coast heavy by the name of Mike Gans, who has scored 26 kayoes in 30 bouts.

— Mario Rivera Martino

LAST ROUND



SAM TAUB

By NAT LOUBET

The sports world is a sadder place today. Sam Taub is dead at the age of ninety-two.

The man who was known and loved by everyone in the boxing world for his untiring energy, and was as feisty as he was lovable, went into Brooklyn's Jewish Hospital for minor repairs two days before the Arguello-Limon fight — the first fight he had missed in the New York area in over sixty years — never to come out again. He passed away on the morning of July 10, 1979.

His passing marked the end of an era, one that began on New York's lower East Side on September 10, 1886. His family later moved to Mott Street in Chinatown where a young Sam — if one can imagine that! — attended the local public schools. After two weeks of high school, the fourteen-year-old man-boy quit to take typing and shorthand in nightschool, two skills which would serve him well in his future career as a newspaperman.

Taub's first job was with several manufacturers for whom he did everything short of janitorial work, including wrapping packages, taking shorthand and answering mail. All for three dollars a week.

But it wasn't his skills as a general man-of-all-trades for manufacturers for which Sam is remembered. It was as a newspaperman, a career he started by answering an ad in the New York *Morning Telegraph* for a secretary to the publisher of the paper. Before long Sam had insinuated his way into the sports department as an assistant to the legendary Bat Masterson. Taub remained with the *Morning Telegraph* for the next twenty years, ultimately rising to the exalted position of sports editor.

Sam will also be remembered for his radio program, *The Hour of Champions*, an entirely new concept in broadcasting. Sports celebrities from every field were brought to Taub's microphone every Sunday for twenty-four years in a program that emanated from the studios of WHN in New York, including such notables as Gentleman Jim Corbett, in his last interview before his death in 1933, and Sugar Ray Robinson in his first interview.

Sam continued to pioneer in radio by broadcasting the first boxing bouts on radio as early as 1924. When Adam Hats took over the sponsorship of the Friday Night Fights, Sam — along with "color man" Angelo Pelange — became a household name for those millions of fight fans who tuned in every week. Old-timers will never forget his famous "Take it away, Angelo!"

With the coming of television, Sam became the first man to announce a major televised fight, the Lou Nova-Max Baer fight from Madison Square Garden on April 4, 1941; a fight made even more exciting by Sam's quick delivery and sense of the dramatic.

In all, Sam once told me he had seen close to 12,000 fights and had broadcast some 7,500 as well as over 800 wrestling bouts. His last broadcast was the second Rocky Graziano — Tony Zale middleweight title fight on July 16, 1947, at which time he was 60 years of age.

He was associated with *The Ring* Magazine and the late Nat Fleischer almost from the magazine's inception back in 1922. Sam never left *The Ring* staff and at the time of his death had completed his last column, "Up and Down Old Broadway," which appeared in the September issue.

I once asked the man who had see over fifteen thousand fights, broadcast 7,500 of them, which of all those he had seen he considered the most thrilling. "That's easy," said Sam. "Dempsey over Firpo. Man, what a sock that Firpo had." Then, after reflecting, he went on to include "The Long Count Fight in Chicago and Liston's two fast kayoes of Floyd Patterson."

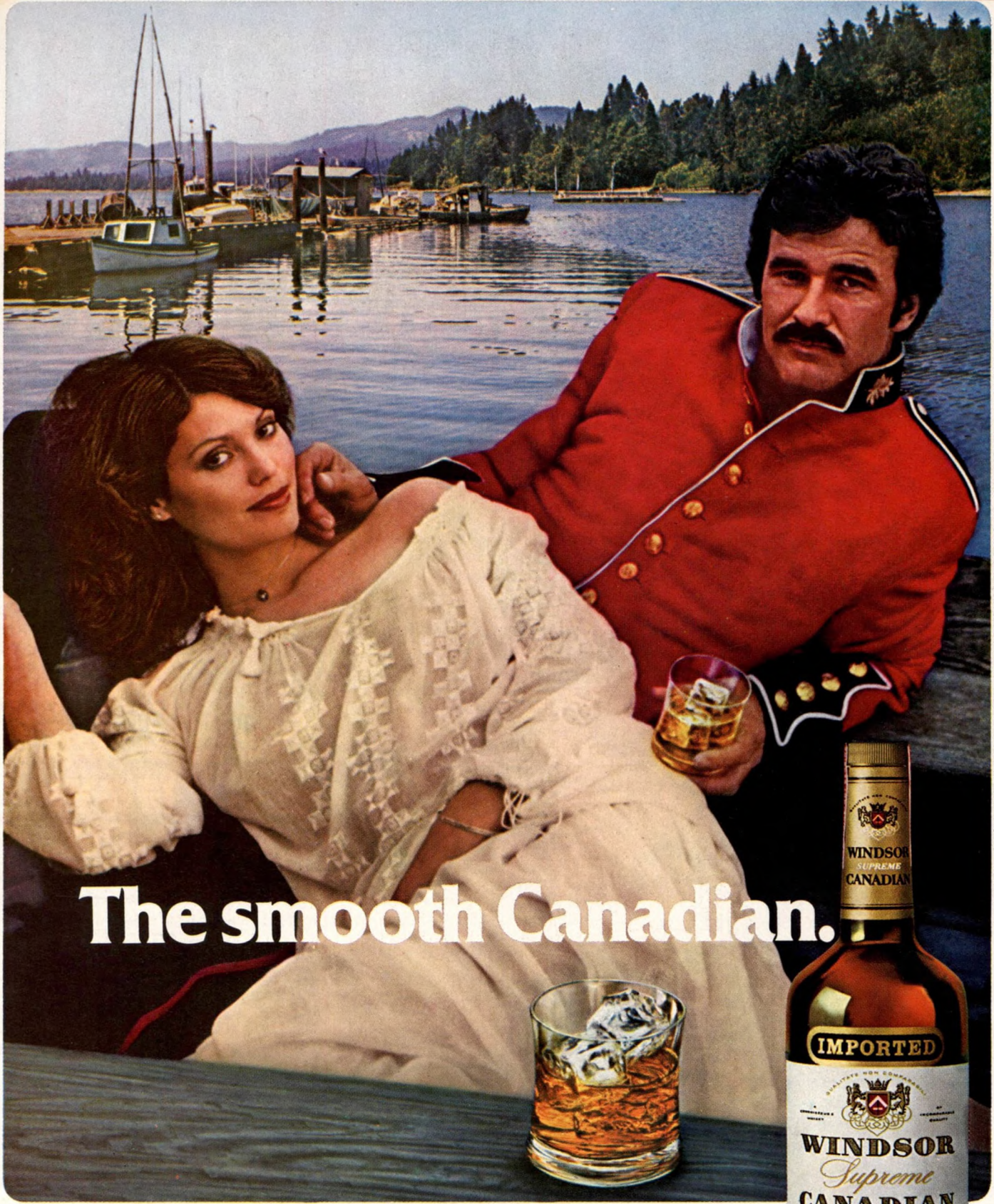
Another time I had Sam give me his greatest surprises and his bottomless fount of information erupted almost before I had asked my question: "Jingo, Natty — that thing in Miami when Cassius Clay (Sam always called Ali "Cassius Clay") took the title from Sonny Liston and the other that got me was when Rocky Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe in Philadelphia in thirteen rounds."

The man, who in his later years switched, like the late Nat Fleischer, to wearing only a bow tie, was a true character. He used to refer to me as a "Johnnie-come-lately," as he regarded everyone who was under eighty. And that was most, if not all, with whom he came in contact. Sam was the oldest living boxing expert still active at the time of his death.

Sam Taub received more awards from the boxing community than any other man in boxing with the possible exception of the late Nat Fleischer. Among those many awards was the much cherished Boxing Writers' James J. Walker award given to Sam in 1958 for "Long and Meritorious Service to Boxing." He received just about every honor the BWA could give to a member. Sam was a charter member of that organization, which was founded fifty-four years ago, and was its recording secretary up until 1978. His most recent award was being installed into *The Ring* Boxing Hall of Fame in 1978.

The likeable, crusty "Voice of Boxing," who could always deliver a few thousand well-chosen words on boxing, finally ran out of drive at age ninety-two. He always wanted to write a book. He won't.

I was priviledged to call him "a friend."



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